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The body will arrive in Bryan this afternoon late on the I.-G. N. and will be taken first to the McCulloch-Gordon Co., and later to the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Palasota, North Bryan Street, where it will lie until Saturday afternoon when funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock at St. Anthony's church, conducted by Rev. Father Basil Bravi, with interment following in the Bryan City Cemtery.

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CAUSE UNDETERMINED.

ABINGDON, Va., Dec. 2[illegible].—Five persons are known to be dead and 200 homeless today when the Muck Dam went out Wednesday night at the Methieson Alkali Works across the North Fork of the Holston River. The cause of the break in the dam has not been determined. The five bodies recovered have not been identified. At Saltville, a near-by town, the hospital and private homes were filled with victims who had no other refuge.

THE WEATHER

(Special to Bryan Daily Eagle)

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 2[illegible].—For Bryan and vicinity: Tonight and Saturday partly cloudy; warmer.

DEATH STALKS AMID GAYETY

CHRISTMAS SPIRITS FATAL TO LARGE NUMBERS IN NEW YORK CITY

BAD BOOZE KILLS THREE

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 2[illegible].—Three men are dead, thirty-one others are ill in Bellevue Hospital and the police court calenders are all crowded as a result of liquor drinking yesterday here in celebration of Christmas. In addition to the dead there are between 40 and 50 persons in the accident ward of Bellevue from injuries sustained in fights or falls due to liquor. Yesterday's fatalities have increased to 34 the number of death in this city from poison liquor during the month.

FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS WILL MEET AT THE COLLEGE Y. M. C. A

The Friday night Bible class will meet at the Y. M. C. A., College Station, at 6:30 o'clock, for one hour. A. L. Page will speak and the lesson will be from Genesis and illustrated with stereopticon views. The meeting is free to men and women, and young people especially are invited.

AUTHOR "DOWN WHERE THE COTTON BLOSSOMS GROW" IS LAID TO REST

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DENVER, Dec. 2[illegible].—Milton Henry Hall, two decades ago one of the best known of the black face minstrel comedians and the man who wrote "Down Where the Cotton Blossoms Grow," and the "Cuban Star March," was buried here Christmas Eve with only four mourners at his grave.

When Hall stepped down from his pinnacle of fame twenty years ago amid the plaudits of admiring thousands who had laughed at and with him, he began a new career which, in the years that followed, left him at the bottom of life's ladder.

Died As Dishwasher.

The last twelve years of his life he spent as a dishwasher in a Denver hotel, and when he died Monday in the General Hospital there was none at the hospital who knew of his early career. To them he was just a dishwasher.

Not until he as buried did his real identity become publicly known. At at one time Hall was an intimate friend of the late Lew Dockstader aind Al G. Fields.

LANDMARK HOTEL OF WEST TEXAS IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

(By Associated Press)

STAMFORD, Dec. 2[illegible].—A checkup of the guests registered at Stamford Inn, one of the oldest hotels in West Texas, was made Thursday to determine if there had been any loss of life when the three-story structure was swept by wind and fire Wednesday night. One man and two children are reported missing. Five residences were also destroyed by the fire, which is believed to have started from a Christmas tree. E. V. Lothpiech, cotton buyer, and two children of Mr. and Mrs. Winters, who were seriously injured, are those reported to be missing.

HOTEL GUESTS ARE DRIVEN INTO STREET NIGHT DRESS ONLY

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Dec. 2[illegible].—The McGee Hotel and several business houses were destroyed by fire yesterday, causing an esimated loss of $200,000. Hotel guests in night dress were driven into the streets with a bitter cold wind blowing.

MISS RUTH CARMEN RECEIVED A BROKEN COLLARBONE WRECK

A car driven by Mrs. J. T. Carroll, who has rooms at the Sparks apartment, also containing her niece, Miss Ruth Carmen, and a light truck owned by Carl Wipprecht, collided at the corner of 26th and College avenue at noon Wednesday. Both vehicles were quite badly damaged, the Carroll car turning over. All parties concerned were bruised and badly shaken up. Miss Carmen received a broken collar bone and Miss Mae Terry, who clerks at the city secretary's office, is suffering from nervous shock.

MRS. W. H. DARROW WON FLOOR LAMP AT E. F. PARKS STORE

Number 184, held by Mrs. W. H. Darrow, of Bryan, was the lucky winner of the fine $75 floor lamp given by E. F. Parks Furniture Store, when the determination was made at 4 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, December 24th. The prize was given without cost to anyone except a little of their time in looking over the splendid line of furniture at this store prior to the holidays and which had been stocked for holiday sales. The lamp given was a magnificent one and to be prized in any home.

WOMAN'S PLUCKY BATTLE LEADS TO DEATH OF BIG OWL

(By Associated Press)

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 2[illegible].—A great owl that had long been killing poultry and wild game near South Bend, Wash., recently was caught and slain as a result of the pluck of Mrs. W. A. Wilson. The woman, who lives on a ranch, heard a hen making a commotion, and she saw a great horned owl attacking it. She ran out, grasped the owl and held on to it despite wounds from its talons and beak. She called her husband who killed the marauder. It measured four feet five inches across the wings.

MAN LOST LIFE IN TRYING SAVE A PAL FROM HOTEL FIRE

(By Associated Press)

NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y., Dec. 2[illegible].—Two men lost their lives when fire swept through the Washington Hotel, a workmen's lodging house, early today. Paul Kabby lost his life when the tried to rescue William Smith, his friend. Their charred bodies, with arms clasped, were found in Smith's room.

"MA" FERGUSON GETS ROYALLY REMEMBERED BY OLD SANTA CLAUS

(By Associated Press)

TEMPLE, Dec. 2[illegible].—Texas' most distinguished citizen, Governor-elect Miriam A. Ferguson, was royally remembered by Santa Claus. The good things and numerous gifts of practical utility dumped from Santa's pack into "Ma's" stockings Christmas morning included a gold fountain pen inscribed with the names of a number of friends. Eight fat turkey gobblers also found their way into her kitchen, left there during the past 48 hours at the instance of friends and well wishers in various parts of the state.

LORENA MAN IS PROBABLY FATALLY HURT IN CRASH

(By Associated Press)

WACO, Dec. 2[illegible].—R. J. Glenn of Lorena was perhaps fatally injured Thursday when his car crashed into the engine of a southbound I.-G. N. passenger train on the Marlin-Waco road about two miles south of Waco. The car was completely demolished. Mr. Glenn was on his way to spend Christmas Day with his sister near Harrison. The driver was knocked from the car, according to the engineer, and hurled twenty feet through the air, the car landing on top of him. He was carried to a Waco hospital for emergency treatment, where surgeons express little hope for his recovery.

ALLIED OFFICIALS DISCOVER STORE HOUSE OF HIDDEN ARMS IN GERMANY

Rifle and Machine Gun Barrels to Number of Nearly Hundred Thousand Found in Cunningly-Devised Hiding Place, According to Story Published in Paris Newspaper.

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, France, Dec. 2[illegible].—Officers of the Inter-Allied Control Commission have discovered in Berlin a depot of rifle, and machine gun barrels, the "Echo De Paris" learns from an incontrovertible informant in Germany. The inventory now being taken has accounted for 40,000 barrels and it is expected the total will reach 100,000. The depot was found in a cunningly devised hiding place.

"TREBLE CLEFF" CLUB IN XMAS MEETING

On Wednesday afternoon the Treble Cleff Club, which is a junior music study club, combined their regular weekly program with a Christmas celebration. The little girls who make up the membership of the club met as usual at the home of their teacher, Miss Nannie Berryman, going from there to the home of Ann Bentley, one of the members, where a beautiful Christmas tree had been prepared. Each member brought a gift for some other member and all remembered their teacher, Miss Nannie, generously.

After the program appropriate to the season, the little hostess, assisted by her mother, Mrs. M. R. Bentley, served her guests with delicious hot chocolate and wafers.

Gifts were then distributed from the tree to the following members and guest: Aline Carroll, Velma Bond, Ruth Johnson, Janie Lee Singletary, Helen Fickey, Betty Swallow, Billy Moore, Lily Rush Walker, Miss Nannie Berryman and Mrs. M. R. Bentley.

With many happy Christmas greetings the little friends parted until after the holiday season when they will again take up their work under the excellent guidance of Miss Berryman.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA GIVEN BY BAPTISTS METHODIST CHURCH

"The Wondrous Light" was the title of a Christmas Cantata presented by the choir of the Baptist church, given Sunday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock under the direction of Claud H. Ward, choir master, and Mrs. C. H. Ward, pianist. It was held at the Methodist church owing to the inability of heating the Baptist church for the program. The following is the program in full and the personnel of the choir for the cantata:

Part the First: "The Shepherds." Chorus, "Hark, the Glad Sound;" duet, tenors and basses, "There Were Shepherds;" bass solo, "And Lo, the Angel of the Lord," J. E. Hensarling; men's chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord Shone Round;" women's voices, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks;" chorus, "Fear Not, He Said, For Mighty Dread," tenor solo, Edgar Buchanan; chorus, "To You, In David's Town, This Day;" quartet, "He Shall Feed His Flock," Aline Smith, Mrs. Edgar Buchanan, R. R. Rush, J. E. Hensarling; chorus, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is;" soprano solo, "And the Shepherds Said," Mrs. W. C. Davis; soprano and tenor duet, "Let Us Now Go Even," Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ward; chorus, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

Part the Second, "The Magi." "Journey of the Wise Men," piano, Mrs. C. H. Ward; duet, sporano and alto, "Now When Jesus Was Born," Mrs. J. Webb Howell and Mrs. Gabe Cazell; men's chorus, "Where Is He That Is Born King of the Jews;" chorus, "Light of Light That Shineth;" baritone solo, "And to the Star of the East," Pat Newton; chorus, "As with GladnesMen of old;" semichorus "Brightest and Best," soprano obligato, Mrs. Geo. Adams; sopranos, Erin Jolly, Mrs. E. Buchanan; altos, Mrs. A. L. Ward and Mrs. H. O. Boatwright; tenors, Buchanan and Baltsell; bass, R. J. Halbrooks; tenor solo, "For God, Who Commanded the Light to Shine," R. R. Rush; chorus, the grand finale, "The Light Is Come."

The cast included: Sopranos: Mesdames R. R. Rush, P. G. Gunter, J. Webb Howell, W. C. Davis, Geo. A Adams, W. F. Corley, C. H. Ward, Misses Lidie Belle Pipkin, Aline Smith, Erin Jolly, Elizabeth Held; altos: Mesdames A. L. Ward, Gabe Cazell, Frank Bunting, Edgar Buchanan, H. O. Boatwright, J. G. Minkert, R. W. Persons, Miss Louise Pipkin; tenors: Edgar Buchanan, R. R. Rush, L. M. Baltsell, David Bunting, C. H. Ramsey, Roy Corley, C. H. Ward; basses: J. E. Hensarling, W. F. Corley, W. S. Barron, R. J. Halbrooks, Pat Newton.

GREAT PROBLEM OIL SITUATION

SAYS NEW OIL FIELDS MUST BE DISCOVERED IN VERY SHORT TIME

TWELVE YEAR SUPPLY

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Dec 2[illegible].—The greatest problem facing the United States in 1925 is the oil situation, according to Hubert Work, Secretary of Interior, here visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Bissell of Evanston. Unless new fields are discovered and large wells drilled, the petroleum supply of the United States will be gone in 12 years, Work said.

VACANT HOUSE FIRE DESTROYS OVER A HALF BLOCK HUMBLE

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HOUSTON, Dec. 2[illegible].—Fire starting in a vacant house early today destroyed a half-block of buildings at Humble, an oil field town, 18 miles northeast of here. Some intruder, seeking shelter from the cold in the building is thought to have started a blaze in the effort to keep warm. Five buildings were destroyed.

OF INTEREST IN BRYAN

Mrs. W. E. Astin is at home this week from San Antonio, where she has been for the past month visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry M. Taylor. Mrs. Astin announces the arrival of a son in the Taylor home, which news is interesting to the many friends who knew Mrs. Taylor as Miss Clara Astin. The young son has been named Harry M., Jr.—Hearne Democrat.

NEGRO COMMUNITIES BUSY CANNING MEAT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF AGENT NASH

Beef canning is under way in most of the negro communities of the county, said L. A. Nash, negro county agent, today. He said that on Friday eight families of the Post Oak community, three miles west of Bryan, put up 250 cans of beef of the varieties of steak, stew meat and chili meat. On Thursday, the Walker community, 9 miles from Bryan and near Benchley, assisted by the Post Oak community and under the direction of Agent Nash put up over 200 cans of meat of the same type.

MEXICAN CHILD DIED ON SATURDAY NIGHT— WAS BURIED SUNDAY

Augustine Romeriz, aged 2 years, 2 months and 24 days, little son of Raymond Romeriz, died at the family home on Saturday night at 9 o'clock after a week's illness. Funeral services were held from the home Sunday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock and at St. Joseph's church at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. B. Greissner. Burial was in the city cemetery, with McCulloch-Gordon Co., funeral directors, in charge of arrangements. The child is survived by its parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Romeriz. Mr. Romeriz is employed at the Chambers-Wilson Motor Company.

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Bryney Mitchell, aged 90 years, for several years a resident of Benchley, died Saturday night and was buried Sunday at 3 p. m. in the local cemetery. He was a native of Ireland and nothing is known of any surviving relatives. In his later years he had been a ward of several citizens of his neighborhood. The funeral was in charge of the McCulloch-Gordon Co.

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SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS OBSERVED AT NATION'S CAPITAL SIMPLE FASHION

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2[illegible].—The spirit of Christmas lay over the Capital of the Nation Thursday as it did thru homes of the land. Government activities were almost wholly at a stand still as those charged with their direction observed the day quietly in their homes. No observance of the day was simpler or quieter than that in the White House. A day when family ties are most closely drawn and brought freshly, and because of this they sought to make their celebration of the simplest kind. Atterdance at the Union Christmas service arranged by the churches of the city and a Christmas dinner at night were the only plans of the President and his wife for the day.

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SHERIFF IN REPORT

(By Associated Press)

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 2[illegible].—Twenty-three persons are known to be dead and 14 are in hospitals at Saltville, Virginia, as a result of the breaking of the Muck Dam across the Holston River Wednesday night, Sheriff John Liteon of Abington, Virginia, told the Associated Press today over the long distance telephone. Five bodies have been recovered, the sheriff said.

CAUSE UNDETERMINED.

ABINGDON, Va., Dec. 2[illegible].—Five persons are known to be dead and 200 homeless today when the Muck Dam went out Wednesday night at the Methieson Alkali Works across the North Fork of the Holston River. The cause of the break in the dam has not been determined. The five bodies recovered have not been identified. At Saltville, a nearby town, the hospital and private homes were filled with victims who had no other refuge.

THE WEATHER

(Special to Bryan Daily Eagle)

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 2[illegible].—For Bryan and vicinity: Tonight and Saturday partly cloudy; warmer.

TRAGEDY CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM WHEN XMAS TREE BURST INTO FLAME

(By Associated Press).

HOBART, Okla., Dec. 2[illegible].—Their dead identified, the residents of Babbs Switch district, the scene of the Christmas Eve fire that snuffed out the lives of 34 persons gathered here today to attend the memorial service for the victims. The service, which is set for this afternoon, will be under the direction of Reverend G. W. Estes, who will be assisted by every other minister in the city. Following this, private services will be held for each victim and burial will proceed as rapidly as possible.

STARTED FROM TINY CANDLE ON XMAS TREE.

Fire stalking in the tracks of Santa Claus turned a country school house into an inferno at Babbs Switch, seven miles from here, Wednesday night and snuffed out the lives of at least 32 persons, many of them children who had gathered for the Christmas Eve celebration. A tiny candle on the Christmas tree ignited a ball of cotton. At first the celebrators tried to extinguish the flames but they soon got beyond control and there was a scramble for doors and windows. Many fell in the crush and were trampled under foot. Most of the 32 bodies taken from the ruins have been identified. More than 40 persons were injured, some of them seriously. About 200 persons were packed in the small school room when the Christmas tree burst into flames. Mrs. Florence Hill, teacher of the school, was among the dead.

DEATH STALKS AMID GAYETY

CHRISTMAS SPIRITS FATAL TO LARGE NUMBERS IN NEW YORK CITY

BAD BOOZE KILLS THREE

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 2[illegible]—Three men are dead, thirty-one others are ill in Bellevue Hospital and the police court calenders are all crowded as a result of liquor drinking yesterday here in celebration of Christmas. In addition to the dead there are between 40 and 50 persons in the accident ward of Bellevue from injuries sustained in fights or falls due to liquor. Yesterday's fatalities have increased to 34 the number of death in this city from poison liquor during the month.

FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS WILL MEET AT THE COLLEGE Y. M. C. A

The Friday night Bible class will meet at the Y. M. C. A., College Station, at 6:30 o'clock, for one hour. A. L. Page will speak and the lesson will be from Genesis and illustrated with stereopticon views. The meeting is free to men and women, and young people especially are invited.

AUTHOR "DOWN WHERE THE COTTON BLOSSOMS GROW" IS LAID TO REST

(By Associated Press)

DENVER, Dec. 2[illegible].—Milton Henry Hall, two decades ago one of the best known of the black face minstrel comedians and the man who wrote "Down Where the Cotton Blossoms Grow," and the "Cuban Star March," was buried here Christmas Eve with only four mourners at his grave.

When Hall stepped down from his pinnacle of fame twenty years ago amid the plaudits of admiring thousands who had laughed at and with him, he began a new career which, in the years that followed, left him at the bottom of life's ladder.

Died As Dishwasher.

The last twelve years of his life he spent as a dishwasher in a Denver hotel, and when he died Monday in the General Hospital there was none at the hospital who knew of his early career. To them he was just a dishwasher.

Not until he as buried did his real identity become publicly known. At at one time Hall was an intimate friend of the late Lew Dockstader aind Al G. Fields.

LANDMARK HOTEL OF WEST TEXAS IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

(By Associated Press)

STAMFORD, Dec. 2[illegible].—A check-up of the guests registered at Stamford Inn, one of the oldest hotels in West Texas, was made Thursday to determine if there had been any loss of life when the three-story structure was swept by wind and fire Wednesday night. One man and two children are reported missing. Five residences were also destroyed by the fire, which is believed to have started from a Christmas tree. E. V. Lothpiech, cotton buyer, and two children of Mr. and Mrs. Winters, who were seriously injured, are those reported to be missing.

HOTEL GUESTS ARE DRIVEN INTO STREET NIGHT DRESS ONLY

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Dec. 2[illegible].—The McGee Hotel and several business houses were destroyed by fire yesterday, causing an esimated loss of $200,000. Hotel guests in night dress were driven into the streets with a bitter cold wind blowing.

MISS ROTH CARMEN RECEIVED A BROKEN COLLARBONE WRECK

A car driven by Mrs. J. T. Carroll, who has rooms at the Sparks apartment, also containing her niece, Miss Ruth Carmen, and a light truck owned by Carl Wipprecht, collided at the corner of 26th and College avenue at noon Wednesday. Both vehicles were quite badly damaged, the Carroll car turning over. All parties concerned were bruised and badly shaken up. Miss Carmen received a broken collar bone and Miss Mae Terry, who clerks at the city secretary's office, is suffering from nervous shock.

MRS. W. H. DARROW WON FLOOR LAMP AT E. F. PARKS STORE

Number 184, held by Mrs. W. H. Darrow, of Bryan, was the lucky winner of the fine $75 floor lamp given by E. F. Parks Furniture Store, when the determination was made at 4 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, December 24th. The prize was given without cost to anyone except a little of their time in looking over the splendid line of furniture at this store prior to the holidays and which had been stocked for holiday sales. The lamp given was a magnificent one and to be prized in any home.

WOMAN'S PLUCKY BATTLE LEADS TO DEATH OF BIG OWL

(By Associated Press)

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 2[illegible].—A great owl that had long been killing poultry and wild game near South Bend, Wash., recently was caught and slain as a result of the pluck of Mrs. W. A. Wilson. The woman, who lives on a ranch, heard a hen making a commotion, and she saw a great horned owl attacking it. She ran out, grasped the owl and held on to it despite wounds from its talons and beak. She called her husband who killed the marauder. It measured four feet five inches across the wings.

MAN LOST LIFE IN TRYING SAVE A PAL FROM HOTEL FIRE

(By Associated Press)

NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y., Dec. 2[illegible].—Two men lost their lives when fire swept through the Washington Hotel, a workmen's lodging house, early today. Paul Kabby lost his life when the tried to rescue William Smith, his friend. Their charred bodies, with arms clasped, were found in Smith's room.

"MA" FERGUSON GETS ROYALLY REMEMBERED BY OLD SANTA CLAUS

(By Associated Press)

TEMPLE, Dec. 2[illegible].—Texas' most distinguished citizen, Governor-elect Miriam A. Ferguson, was royally remembered by Santa Claus. The good things and numerous gifts of practical utility dumped from Santa's pack into "Ma's" stockings Christmas morning included a gold fountain pen inscribed with the names of a number of friends. Eight fat turkey gobblers also found their way into her kitchen, left there during the past 48 hours at the instance of friends and well wishers in various parts of the state.

LORENA MAN IS PROBABLY FATALLY HURT IN CRASH

(By Associated Press)

WACO, Dec. 2[illegible].—R. J. Glenn of Lorena was perhaps fatally injured Thursday when his car crashed into the engine of a southbound I.-G. N. passenger train on the Marlin-Waco road about two miles south of Waco. The car was completely demolished. Mr. Glenn was on his way to spend Christmas Day with his sister near Harrison. The driver was knocked from the car, according to the engineer, and hurled twenty feet through the air, the car landing on top of him. He was carried to a Waco hospital for emergency treatment, where surgeons express little hope for his recovery.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS OBSERVED AT NATION'S CAPITAL SIMPLE FASHION

(By Associated Press).

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2[illegible].—The spirit of Christmas lay over the Capital of the Nation Thursday as it did thru homes of the land. Government activities were almost wholly at a stand still as those charged with their direction observed the day quietly in their homes. No observance of the day was simpler or quieter than that in the White House. A day when family ties are most closely drawn and brought freshly, and because of this they sought to make their celebration of the simplest kind. Atterdance at the Union Christmas service arranged by the churches of the city and a Christmas dinner at night were the only plans of the President and his wife for the day.

ALLIED OFFICIALS DISCOVER STORE HOUSE OF HIDDEN ARMS IN GERMANY

Rifle and Machine Gun Barrels to Number of Nearly Hundred Thousand Found in Cunningly-Devised Hiding Place, According to Story Published in Paris Newspaper.

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, France, Dec. 2[illegible].—Officers of the Inter-Allied Control Commission have discovered in Berlin a depot of rifle, and machine gun barrels, the "Echo De Paris" learns from an incontrovertible informant in Germany. The inventory now being taken has accounted for 40,000 barrels and it is expected the total will reach 100,000. The depot was found in a cunningly devised hiding place.

"TREBLE CLEFF" CLUB IN XMAS MEETING

On Wednesday afternoon the Treble Cleff Club, which is a junior music study club, combined their regular weekly program with a Christmas celebration. The little girls who make up the membership of the club met as usual at the home of their teacher, Miss Nannie Berryman, going from there to the home of Ann Bentley, one of the members, where a beautiful Christmas tree had been prepared. Each member brought a gift for some other member and all remembered their teacher, Miss Nannie, generously.

After the program appropriate to the season, the little hostess, assisted by her mother, Mrs. M. R. Bentley, served her guests with delicious hot chocolate and wafers.

Gifts were then distributed from the tree to the following members and guest: Aline Carroll, Velma Bond, Ruth Johnson, Janie Lee Singletary, Helen Fickey, Betty Swallow, Billy Moore, Lily Rush Walker, Miss Nannie Berryman and Mrs. M. R. Bentley.

With many happy Christmas greetings the little friends parted until after the holiday season when they will again take up their work under the excellent guidance of Miss Berryman.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA GIVEN BY BAPTISTS METHODIST CHURCH

"The Wondrous Light" was the title of a Christmas Cantata presented by the choir of the Baptist church, given Sunday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock under the direction of Claud H. Ward, choir master, and Mrs. C. H. Ward, pianist. It was held at the Methodist church owing to the inability of heating the Baptist church for the program. The following is the program in full and the personnel of the choir for the cantata:

Part the First: "The Shepherds." Chorus, "Hark, the Glad Sound;" duet, tenors and basses, "There Were Shepherds;" bass solo, "And Lo, the Angel of the Lord," J. E. Hensarling; men's chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord Shone Round;" women's voices, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks;" chorus, "Fear Not, He Said, For Mighty Dread," tenor solo, Edgar Buchanan; chorus, "To You, In David's Town, This Day;" quartet, "He Shall Feed His Flock," Aline Smith, Mrs. Edgar Buchanan, R. R. Rush, J. E. Hensarling; chorus, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is;" soprano solo, "And the Shepherds Said," Mrs. W. C. Davis; soprano and tenor duet, "Let Us Now Go Even," Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ward; chorus, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

Part the Second, "The Magi." "Journey of the Wise Men," piano, Mrs. C. H. Ward; duet, sporano and alto, "Now When Jesus Was Born," Mrs. J. Webb Howell and Mrs. Gabe Cazell; men's chorus, "Where Is He That Is Born King of the Jews;" chorus, "Light of Light That Shineth;" baritone solo, "And to the Star of the East," Pat Newton; chorus, "As with GladnesMen of old;" semichorus "Brightest and Best," soprano obligato, Mrs. Geo. Adams; sopranos, Erin Jolly, Mrs. E. Buchanan; altos, Mrs. A. L. Ward and Mrs. H O. Beatwright; tenors, Buchanan and Baltsell; bass, R. J. Halbrooks; tenor solo, "For God, Who Commanded the Light to Shine," R. R. Rush; chorus, the grand finale, "The Light Is Come."

The cast included: Sopranos: Mesdames R. R. Rush, F. G. Gunter, J. Webb Howell, W. C. Davis, Geo. A Adams, W. F. Corley, C. H. Ward, Misses Lidie Belle Pipkin, Aline Smith, Erin Jolly, Elizabeth Held; altos: Mesdames A. L. Ward, Gabe Cazell, Frank Bunting, Edgar Buchanan, H. O. Beatwright, J. G. Minkert, R. W. Persons, Miss Louise Pipkin; tenors: Edgar Buchanan, R. R. Rush, L. M. Baltsell, David Bunting, C. H. Ramsey, Roy Corley, C. H. Ward; basses: J. E. Hensarling, W. F. Corley, W. S. Barron, R. J. Halbrooks, Pat Newton.

GREAT PROBLEM OIL SITUATION

SAYS NEW OIL FIELDS MUST BE DISCOVERED IN VERY SHORT TIME

TWELVE YEAR SUPPLY

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Dec 2[illegible].—The greatest problem facing the United States in 1925 is the oil situation, according to Hubert Work, Secretary of Interior, here visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Bissell of Evanston. Unless new fields are discovered and large wells drilled, the petroleum supply of the United States will be gone in 12 years, Work said.

VACANT HOUSE FIRE DESTROYS OVER A HALF BLOCK HUMBLE

(By Associated Press)

HOUSTON, Dec. 2[illegible].—Fire starting in a vacant house early today destroyed a half-block of buildings at Humble, an oil field town, 18 miles northeast of here. Some intruder, seeking shelter from the cold in the building is thought to have started a blaze in the effort to keep warm. Five buildings were destroyed.

OF INTEREST IN BRYAN

Mrs. W. E. Astin is at home this week from San Antonio, where she has been for the past month visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry M. Taylor. Mrs. Astin announces the arrival of a son in the Taylor home, which news is interesting to the many friends who knew Mrs. Taylor as Miss Clara Astin. The young son has been named Harry M., Jr.—Hearne Democrat.

NEGRO COMMUNITIES BUSY CANNING MEAT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF AGENT NASH

Beef canning is under way in most of the negro communities of the county, said L. A. Nash, negro county agent, today. He said that on Friday eight families of the Post Oak community, three miles west of Bryan, put up 250 cans of beef of the varieties of steak, stew meat and chili meat. On Thursday, the Walker community, 9 miles from Bryan and near Benchley, assisted by the Post Oak community and under the direction of Agent Nash put up over 200 cans of meat of the same type.

MEXICAN CHILD DIED ON SATURDAY NIGHT— WAS BURIED SUNDAY

Augustine Romeriz, aged 2 years, 2 months and 24 days, little son of Raymond Romeriz, died at the family home on Saturday night at 9 o'clock after a week's illness. Funeral services were held from the home Sunday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock and at St. Joseph's church at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. B. Geissner. Burial was in the city cemetery, with McCulloch-Gordon Co., funeral directors, in charge of arrangements. The child is survived by its parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Romeriz. Mr. Romeriz is employed at the Chambers-Wilson Motor Company.

BRYNEY MITCHELL OF BENCHLEY IS DEAD

Bryney Mitchell, aged 90 years, for several years a resident of Benchley, died Saturday night and was buried Sunday at 3 p. m. in the local cemetery. He was a native of Ireland and nothing is known of any surviving relatives. In his later years he had been a ward of several citizens of his neighborhood. The funeral was in charge of the McCulloch-Gordon Co.

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R[illegible]'S [illegible]E SERVICE

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CO-OPERATION NEEDED

Criticism of o[illegible]erlapping departments in educational and other branches of the State government is easy to make. There always is some o[illegible]erlapping betw[illegible]en departments of the State county and city govern[illegible]ents if e[illegible]rybody is on the job At the recent Chamber of Commerce [illegible]ention in Fredericksburg, C. C [illegible] of the Fort Worth Stock[illegible]s company who for many years [illegible] Texas' most useful [illegible] the suggestion [illegible]ent of Agriculture [illegible]tatistical and law enforce[illegible]t of the State government [illegible]h its work towards teach[illegible]s of Texas better ag[illegible]t that is now [illegible]r [illegible]ies. The [illegible] better from [illegible] French' [illegible] boys' bee[illegible]ther ghout the State [illegible]n overlapping of [illegible]t Texas A. and M. [illegible] no other agency [illegible]ecific task of the work [illegible] one well, and [illegible]t out of the whole propo[illegible]n the State Depart[illegible]griculture is a practica[illegible] can specifically pro[illegible] branch of agricultura[illegible] is undertaken only in a [illegible] way by other agencies. [illegible] State lose his service[illegible] of this? Co-operation be[illegible]ery agency working for ag[illegible]ricultural betterment in Texas and mutual agreement on specific lines of work is a better solution for the problem of overlapping effort than abolishing the functions of any useful agency.—San Antonio Express.

SOME FAST AGE

We are in complete agreement with our correspondent, John H. A Kelly, that the newspapers of this country should bar from their columns the ugly contraction, "Xmas." It is a profanation of one of the most sacred words in our language It sets cathedral chimes to jazz Is the modern pace so fast that we may not spell out the name of the birthday of Him who gave us the faith by which most of us hope to live and die?—Brenham Banner.

Just today we heard a man criticising the city authorities for not keping the streets cleaner. While he was doing it, he was opening his mail on the sidewalk, and all he didn't want, he pitched into the street. "Consistency, thou are a jewel."

We are told there will be a total eclipse of the sun January the 27th, and that the best place to view it and where it will be total is Montank, N. Y.

Why have so much legislation? Why not leave some thing to the imagination?

INTERURBAN SERVICE

Further evidence of the efficiency of the Bryan-College Traction Company was shown during the recently severe cold weather when the majority of the street car companies in other cities were tied up entirely or operating very few cars, while the local traction company gave double car service all day Saturday, taking the employees of the A. and M. College who live in Bryan to their work and bringing the holiday shoppers from College and intermediate points to Bryan for their Christmas shopping. The early morning cars were loaded to capacity with employees of the A. and M. College going to their work while the returning cars were comfortably full most all day with Christmas shoppers.

Few people realize the importance of the success of the Bryan-College Traction Company and the position it occupies in regard to development of the community. Saturday morning when the country was in the grip of the coldest wave of the year and it was impossible to operate automobiles with any degree of safety, the traction company served the patrons who otherwise would have been unable to reach their destination or would have had to use the automobile which was practically out of the question. The cars were provided with oil heaters and were warm and cozy. Such service commends itself to the traveling public and deserves the generous support of all interested in the up-building of the community. This is a Bryan institution owned and operated for the community's welfare, and this should be remembered by all the citizens of Bryan. Any public servant, such as all traction companies are, can only render service in so far as their financial capacity will permit. The more pasengers a traction company hauls the better the service. The Bryan-College Traction Company is improving its service all the time, and the policy of the direction of the road is to still further improve the service just as the business justifies.

WHAT IS BOOK FARMING?

"Book farming," according to J. E Stanford, district agent of the Texas Extension Service, "is putting into print for distribution, an account of something that has already been done successfully."

An experiment station develops certain facts and demonstrates their practical application. The results of these experiments are printed because it is the only means of passing that knowledge on the farmers of the country. Those who take advantage of the discoveries thus made are book farmers. Some farmer in a remote section of the country discovers that by certain practices he has been able to increase the production of certain crops. Some one learns of his methods, tests them and finds them practical, and describes them in print. Every man who reads and follows the same practice becomes a book farmer. Last year Texas farmers who were fighting grasshoppers by applying poison under the instructions of the county agents, were book farmers. Every farmer who makes an effort to secure good cotton seed is a book farmer, because he is following a practice the value of which was first demonstrated by specialists and described in print.

Mr. Stanford, in a recent address in Texarkana, drove home his argument by asking: "Would you employ a doctor who was not a book doctor? Did you ever see a good lawyer who did not study his books? How would you like a preacher who was not a student, or a teacher in your schools who was not a book teacher? Then, why not have "book farmers?"

Farming is the greatest industry in the world and has more angles to it than any other. A more general and more special knowledge is required in almost any other line of work. Farming requires more specialists than all the other industries put together. That being the case, every farmer who is a success must be a "book farmer."—Farm and Ranch.

When you pass along the streets and see those pots of the Good Cheer Association, be generous and drop in something for by your generosity some "little forgotten child" will be made happy. Remember it is "more blessed to give than to receive," and the more you put of Christ into Christmas the more you are going to get out of it.

"Right or wrong, stand up for your home town," says the McKinney Courier. We are not quite sure about that. Our policy is to never forsake our town and work unceasingly to keep it right. The very fact a town is our home town makes it the best town in the best State in all these United States.

The quickest way to get people to refuse to lend assistance is to get their aid on some occasion and then ridicule and make light of their efforts.

He who profits from his own mistakes is "wise"—he who profits from another's mistakes is a "crook" —usually.

A penny saved is a penny earned is just as true of a dollar but is more difficult to accomplish.

MASSEY-GANDY WED

Monday afternoon at 4o'clock, Albert Wm. Massey and Miss Murel Gandy of Wellborn were married at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Meads Rev. Meads officiating. Mr. Massey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Massey, who live two miles out of Bryan on the Benchley road, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gandy of Wellborn.

TO GRAIN AND HAY BUYERS

We have maize and kafir heads corn, oats, hay, meal hulls, all kinds feed carlots. Ask for prices delivered H. H. WATSON CO., Dallas, Tex.

Eagle want ads get best results.

FURTHER FINDINGS OF SURVEY COMMISSION

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—Studies made by the Texas Educational Survey staff, announcement made by the State Department of Education asserts show the existence in many communities of the practice of failing to use for the benefit of Mexican and negro scholastics the money apportioned by the State for them.

"This practice," the announcement continued, "is not found in all districts in which Mexican and negroes live, but custom varies greatly from district to district. In the same counties with districts that use the state apportionment for Mexican children for the benefit of native children will be found districts that not only use the State apportionment for the Mexicans but levy a local tax as well. The same is true in the case of negroes.

"The survey staff believes it should be the deliberate judgment of the majority of the electorate of the state that determines the policy to be pursued in such maters. Districts should not be left free to determine the use of money apportioned to them for the schooling of Mexicans and negroes and then ask the State to take the consequences. As far as proper education results in an increase of individual efficiency and a decrease crime the State as a whole has to take the consequences flowing from the failure of communities to provide adequate schools for all the children."

DOKEYS RAISE PURSE FOR WARREN BONEYS

Warren Boney, World War veteran and disabled soldier, a Federal trainee at A. and M. College, and who operated a poultry project near Bryan for a time and later purchased an interest in the Bryan Cafe, is now in the government hospital at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, suffering from cancer and quick tuberculosis with no hope held for his recovery. He was initiated into the Dokey branch of the Knights of Pythias at the Armistice Day ceremonial in Bryan and the local members of the Dokey lodge have raised over $70 which is being sent to the wife and family who are now living at Bedias, in Grimes county, with her people. The fund has not yet been completed.

CONFERENCE IS CALLED ON AGRICULTURE BY STATE COMMISSIONER

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—George B Terrell, commissioner of agriculture today announced that he had invited commissioners of agriculture in the South to hold a conference here about January 20, the previously announced purpose of which is to consider an educational campaign in the South to rehabilitate agriculture and take preliminary steps to place it on a firmer financial basis.

The conference was suggested by B. Harris commissioner of agriculture of South Carolina. Mr. Terrell, noting that the conference city was yet to be selected, invited them to Austin. Mr. Terrell, among othe: things, held out the inducement of witnessing the inaguration of the first woman governor in Texas and the prospect of a trip to the Rio Grande Valley to view its development in the growth of citrus fruits, in inviting the agricultural commissioners to meet here.

THOUSAND UNDELIVERED LETTERS FOUND IN HOME OF DEAD MAIL CARRIER

(By Associated Press)

BELFAST, Dec. 24.—More than 1,000 undelivered letters from all parts of the United Kingdom, including registered packets as well as ordinary mail, were found hidden in the home of Thomas S. Keady, a postman, who died here recently. Some of the letters were more than ten years old, and were found secreted in Keady's bed and in different parts of the house. All were unopened, and will be delivered to the addresses indicated. Officials are at a loss to explain Keddy's action in holding the letters.

CONVICT ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER RELEASE SING SING

(By Associated Press)

OSSINING, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Released from Sing Sing prison on parole today, after serving nine months for third degree forgery, William Anderson, former state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was immediately arrested on indictments charging grand larceny and extortion.

ADVERTISING PAYS

"The chief purpose of advertising is to foster good will between the advertiser and the public," said a member of the Sanger Brothers firm at Dallas not long ago, "and the greatest means of advertising is through the newspapers."

"The purpose of advertising," writes Arthur Brisbane "is to get an idea from the mind of one man into the mind of another—and make it stay there."

There is no mystery about good advertising. The same kind of talk that sells goods put into advertising will bring the customers in to see the stuff you are talking about.

Advertising doesn't make sales except through mail order; it has served its purpose if it brings the prospective customer into your store Then it is up to you through salesmanship to complete the transaction and sell him your goods in return for his money.

And you'll not find a successful advertiser or an advertising expert anywhere but will tell you that regular advertising is the best advertising. "Keeping everlastingly at it brings success" in advertising, as in every other human endeavor.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

FRENCHMAN CAME INTO BANK AS POOR MAN AND LEAVES POOR STILL

(By Associated Press)

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Opening with the singing of Christmas carols, led by E. P. Humbert with Rev. S. Moylan Bird at the piano and following with the program led by H. N. June, the Rotary meeting today at the Green Parrot Tea Room, following the fine Christmas menu set forth, partook of the spirit of the holidays and Christmas, which is on the morrow. Visitors were introduced and Rotarian June, prefacing his talk with a story of the car wreck in which he had the misfortune to participate last night near Hempstead, remaining there on the scene all night and barely arriving today in time for the meeting, and also some words in regard to educational programs and classification talks.

Architect June, for that was his classification talk, stated that Rotary International urged that every man should consider his vocation worthy, and that as a corollary to the main theorem, that each Rotarian should consider the other member's vocation worthy, which is something similar to Christmas spirit, he added. He then discussed the codes of ethics of the various different professions, and mentioned that he considered the first code of ethics to be the Ten Commandments.

Present were: W. S. Barron, C. L. Beason, C. S. Beckwith, S. M. Bird, Dr. J. W. Black, Wilson Bradley, J. F. Casey, W. J. Coulter, W. B. Cline, Jess Conlee, R. M. Dansby, E. B. Elliott, W. E. Farmer, E. J. Fermier, C. E. Griesser, G. P. Grout, O. W. Goolsbee, W. M. Griffin, F. L. Henderson, Chas. Hillier, E. P. Humbert, H. N. June, J. H. Kraft, T. K. Lawrence, W. H. Lawrence, Roy Montgomery, David Reid, Chas. Sosolik, D. L. Wilson, H. H. Williamson, I. E. Warren. Visitors: W. B. McNaughton, Palestine; Miss Norah Ward, Irvin Smith, Ray Pippen, Victor Gayle, Mrs. J. W. Black, J. W. Black, Jr., Mary Martha Black, E. Gordon Mullin, and H. D. Cuykendall of the Bryan Eagle.

NOTICE TO PEOPLE WHO WISH TO TAKE TESTS FOR TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES

Any one desiring to take the examination must go to the county superintendent, or his assistant, write to the county superintendent giving his name, age, sex, color, and number of years' of experience in teaching. This must be done by the 20th of the month preceding the examination. These facts must be sent by the county superintendent to the State superintendent immediately after the 20th of the month. All persons applying after the 20th must get permission from the State superintendent to enter the examination.

Some applicants seem to think that if they give their name to the county superintendent and do not appear at the time they asked to be allowed to take the examination that the county superintendent should allow them to come in at any time later and take the examination. The State superintendent will not allow me to do this. D. J. McDONALD, County Superintendent, of Brazos county.

Mrs. H. H. Benke and little daughter, Hazel, are here from Kenedy to spend the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stallings, of the Alexander community, and her sister, Mrs. W. C. Vanderwerth, in Bryan.

Eagle want ads get best results.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS KILLED HALF AS MANY AS IN WORLD WAR DEATH LIST

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—Clarence E Gilmore, president of the Texas Council of Safety issued a statement recently addressed to the people of Texas asserting that the council had "set its hand to the serious and important task of aiding in the reduction of traffic accidents in Texas and, incidentally, all accidents."

The announcement added: "To state that one-half as many people were killed in the United States last year as there were American soldiers killed in the World War, with a crippled list of over 600,000, is to state the absolute necessity for action. Two outstanding things must be done. One is to arouse every citizen of the State to his individual responsibility, whether he be automobile driver or pedestrian, and the other is to arouse an immediate understanding of an obedience to the traffic laws.

"As we approach the holiday season with its joy and its enthusiasm and increased traffic on the streets and highways the Texas Council of Safety urges every citizen of the State to take special thought for the safety of themselves and those about them, to the end that traffic accidents may be reduced to the very lowest number and this glad season go unmarred with the horrors of death and injury from careless or reckless driving, or carelessness and lack of precaution on the part of the individual citizen.

"Having done that, we express the hope that every citizen will join most heartily with the Texas Council of Safety during 1925 in this movement of education, and its effort to aid in the reduction of traffic accidents."

BENEFITS OF CO-OPERATIVE COTTON MARKETING SET FORTH AT BANQUET

Farmers and Bankers from Various Sections of the State Meet at Same Table with Officials of Texas Cotton Marketing Association and Bryan Business Men of Chamber of Commerce.

Nearly fifty people, bankers, farmers, business men and officials of the Texas Farm Bureau Marketing Association, were gathered last night about the banquet table at the Green Parrot Tea Room, Edgar Buchanan, district agent, presiding. The banquet was given by the Brazos County Farm Bureau Association with the others as honored guests, the purpose being to secure a greater interest in and more widespread knowledge of, the purposes and accomplishments of the Cottor Marketing Association. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Rev. J. J. Tatum of the Free Baptist church. Then the presiding officer stated the purpose of the meeting in a few brief words and paid a tribute to the wonderful work being done for the farmers of Brazos county by our Chamber of Commerce and using this as preface to the introduction of Sam E. Eberstadt, secretary, whom, he said would give in detail the work of which he was the premier secretary of the State of Texas.

EBERSTADT'S ADDRESS

Mr. Eberstadt oultined rather briefly the organization of the Chamber of Commerce, the plan of operation and then launched into his favorite subject—rural aid given by the body to the farmers of the county. He took up the community club work and the developments that had been made in each section of the county, mentioning in particular Tabor, Millican, Edge and Steele's Store, where some wonderful results have been accomplished in a community way as a result of the establishment of these clubs. He then explained the purchase of the Martin ditchers by the Chamber of Commerce, and how they were loaned out to all sections of the county for terracing work and that this county would do more terracing under the able supervision of the best county agent in Texas, C. L. Beason, than any other county. He closed with a brief description of the growth of the poultry industry in this section and the predicition that the Edge "Blue Ribbon Forty" boys' and girls' club would again this year carry off the State honors in this work.

President Orr Speaks.

The next speaker on the program was John T. Orr, Dallas county farmer, and president of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association since its foundation about four years ago. In this wise was he heralded and also as one who was interested in advancing agriculture, just as the business men of Bryan were doing. "The cotton marketing association has for its object," said Mr. Orr, "the lifting of the bale of cotton in value so that a farmer can enjoy the difference between what he now gets for his product and what he ought to get; we plan to as nearly as possible deliver the cotton to the point of consumption and to do so at the least possible cost and on the shortest route and the highest route and the highest possible price." He then went into the history of the organization of the association and showed how faith in it had been created, first with the farmers and then with the bankkers and then the general public. He told of the small beginning that has grown to rather large proportions today — large when looking backwork but small in looking forward.

Cotton Growing Section.

Next on the speaking program was C. O. Moser, secretary of the American Cotton Growers Association, who gave facts and figures upon the organization as a whole which comprises about 300,000 members outside of the State of Texas but in the cotton producing states. He showed, in figures, the growth of the association and the sound credit of it as evidenced by the easiness with which money can be borrowed at four per cent. In addition he showed how it was up to the business man from a business standpoint to see to it that the farmer got as much as he could out of his crop in order that he would have more money to spend at the stores. That, from this point alone, if from no other, the business men of Bryan should support the organization, or at least investigate it and learn some thing about it.

Owens In Brilliant Talk.

John E. Owens delivered the most entertaining talk of the evening. He is a Wills Point banker who has been converted to the cotton marketing, and he is a splendid speaker, dealing in "hot shots" delivered one after the other without cessation, each one a simile or comparison and with a humorous undernote at most times. He kept his audience in laughter and at the same time showed them some real fundamental truths about cotton marketing and, himself a banker, said that it had hurt him considerable to stop charging 15 per cent and cut the rate to 6 per cent, but that he had done it.

The next speaker was Mr. Hall, secretary of the Texas Farm Bureau, the organization through which the cotton association functions. He made his talk very brief as the hour was growing late and the audience somewhat tired of the long discourses, though entertained by Mr Owens.

The concluding address was a brief one by M. E. Hayes, special agent canvassing members, and formerly connected with the extension service. He told something of his wodk.

The concensus of opinion after the meeting would be difficult to line up as different ones obtained different visions but the officials of cotton marketing all felt that some good had been accomplished and expressed their appreciation at the banquet provided for them and the opportunity of talking the work that lies nearest their hearts.

The following is a complete list of those attending the splendid banquet: J. T. Scott, farmer- banker president Security State Bank, Denison; E. L. Lawhon farmer of Taylor; M. S. Hudson, stock farmer Hall Center; J. H. Burroughs, stock farmer of Lubbock; W. B. Lanham Extension Service, A. and M. College; O. E. Easterling farmer of Abbott; J. L. Stasney, farmer; C. C. Morgan, J. N. Dulaney, R. E. Buchanan, Mrs Lee J. Rountree, Sam E. Eberstadt, T. K. Lawrence, W. H. Cole, F. L. Henderson, L. L. McInnis, J. Bryan Miller, Jno. M. Lawrence, E. U. Peters, H. P. Dansby, Rev. J. J. Tatum, J. J Holik, G M. Ammons and H. D Cuykendall all of Bryan; G. A. Lackey, farmer of Sweetwater; R. H. Seale, banker farmer of Benchley; I M. Cook of Bryan Route 6; J. E. Montgomery of Beeville; J. B. Marshall of Temple; J. Walter Smith of Millican; C. O Moser of Dallas, John T. Orr of Dallas, Jno E. Owens of Dallas A. F. Wischkaempt of Shamrock J. B Jamison of Simonton, L. O Mendamp of De Kalb, W. B. Wade of Abilene, W. W. Pitts farmer of Wills Point; J. W. L. Hall of Dallas, M. E. Hays of Dallas Fred J. Lang of Ganzales; T. W. Hander of Marlin; W. S. Higgs, Bryan.

WHISTLE LANGUAGE OF LOCOMOTIVES IS REVEALED BY S. P.

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—The mysteries of the language of railroad engines, as spoken through the engineer's whistle, have been revealed by the Southern Pacific Company in an announcement for the benefit of the general public. The significance of the engineer's performances on his whistle is explained as follows:

Four blasts, two of medium length and two short, are a warning that a locomotive is approaching a grade crossing.

A succession of short blasts tells trespassers to get off the track.

One long blast followed by three short ones sends the rear flagman back to protect against a following train.

Four or five blasts of medium duration recall the flagman.

Four short whistles is the engineer's way of asking for train order signal.

Two short whistles mean "Thank you," or "I get you."

One whistle of medium duration followed by two short blasts calls attention to signals displayed for a following section.

One long blast is given when train is approaching a station, draw bridge or junction.

Two short blasts given three times are a signal to the trainmen that the airbrakes are sticking.

BRITISH PAY LARGE SUMS FOR RARE AMERICAN STAMPS

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 24. Sir Nichol Waterhouses' famous collection of American stamps was auctioned in London recently and realized $68,500. Many of the stamps will remain in England but a large number will return to America. Elliott Perdy of New Jersey paid $1,425 for a ten-cent block of 1851 stamps which originally cost Sir Nichols about $4.50. Another rare block of eight five cent brown stamps of the issue of 1847, realized $3,750, and was purchased by Philip Ward of Philadelphia. Seven years ago this block was bought by Sir Nichols for $100. Among other high prices was $500 for a five cent blue $97 for a thirty-cent ultra marine and pale carmine, $450 for a fifteen-cent blue and brown, and $375 for a twenty-four cent purple and green.

AMERICAN SWIMMERS TO ENTER CONTESTS ABROAD

(By Associated Press)

MAGDEBURG Dec. 24.—Negotiations have been completed between the Hellas Swimming Club of this city and a number of American swimmers of renown for a series of aquatic matches and exhibitions in German cities, including Magdeburg, Berlin, Hanover, Leipsig and Munich next year. Among the American athletes who are to come to Germany are Johnny Weissmueller, the world champion; Skelton of Chicago, victor in the Olympic games at Paris; Warren Kealoha, champion back-stroke swimmer, and possibly Al White, who holds the jumping and diving record.

It is generally assumed in German sporting circles that the American champions will combine the German engagements with a tour of Spain, France, Holland, Czecholslovakia, Austria and Hungary.

NAVAL OBSERVERS TRAVEL FAR TO SEE ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

(Special to Bryan Daily Eagle)

WASHINGTON Dec 24.—Naval Observatory, which may observe the total solar eclipse of January 24, has had Old Sol's vagaries under observation for nearly a century. In 1838 Lieutenant J. M. Gilliss observed an annular or partial eclipse of the sun at Santiago, Chile. The total eclipse of 1870 was observed at Gibraltar and Sicily and eight years later, another eclipse was well observed. In 883 Caroline Island in the Pacific was used by a naval scientific party during a total eclipse.

To Dutch East Indies.

In 1900 the total eclipse of the sun visible in the southeastern section of the United States was observed by thre naval parties. They were stationed at Barnesville, Ga., Griffin, Ga., and Pinehurst, N. C. The next year the observatory sent an expedition to the Island of Sumatra, Dutch East Indies, to observe the total eclipse and obtained good results.

In 1905 an expedition was dispatched to Spain and Algiers under Admiral Chester, then superintendent of the Naval Observatory. With clear weather fine observations were obtained. The last naval scientific party to observe a total solar eclipse was sent to Baker Oregon, in 1918, but a slight haze interferred seriously with the observations.

WALTER LAWLESS AND WINNIE MAXWELL ARE MARRIED LAST NIGHT

Last night at 6 o'clock at the home of the Free Baptist pastor, Rev. C. B. Thompson, Walter Lawless, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawless of Kurten and Miss Winnie Maxwell, teacher in the schools of Iola, were married. The Maxwells are one of the pioneer families of the Iola section and highly respected in their community while the Lawlesses are well known over this county. The young couple will spend Christmas with his parents at Kurten and after spending the holidays with relatives will make their home at Iola, where Mr Lawless has a position as auto mechanic in a garage.

EXCURSION TRAINS WILL CARRY CROWDS TO SEE TOTAL ECLIPSE OF SUN

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The use of excursion trains to enable the public better to see the total eclipse of the sun, January 24, 1925, is suggested by Professor George H. Peters of the Naval Observatory here. He was discussing this phenomenon which will be visible, under favorable weather conditions in the eastern part of the country.

The middle line of the shadow path during the eclipse, the professor pointed out, will run from Buffalo to Montauk Point, N. Y., between seven and ten o'clock in the morning, in a section of the United States well supplied with railroads. The railroads might run special trains for the benefit of the public, he declared, shunting them on sidings during the period of the eclipse.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Spence are spending the holiday at Alice and other coast towns.

The [illegible] inflammation is cooled and soothed by

Heiskell's Ointment

Perhaps the trouble is Eczema. Heiskell's Ointment will heal it just as effectually as it does less serious skin trouble. At your Druggist, send for a sample. Johnston, Holloway & Co., Philada.

ONE IN TEN

Neglecting a little wound, cut or abrasion of the flesh may in nine cases out of ten cause no great suffering or inconvenience, but it is the one case in ten that causes blood poisoning, lockjaw or a chronic festering sore. The cheapest safest and best course is to disinfect the wound with liquid Borozone and apply the Borozone Powder to complete the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and $1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

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Pepsinated Calomel Is Better than the Old-Time Sickening Kind

It is gentle, imported English Calomel, combined with Pepsin and other helpful ingredients. It is mild but certain, causing no harshness or unpleasantness and will absolutely relieve indigestion, billiousness, bad colds, constipation and sick headaches. And best of all it does it at once—quickly and pleasantly. Take one small tablet at bed-time and you will get up hungry and feeling fine. Recommended by

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At this proper Christmas Season, we, The Eagle Co., wish to extend to our friends and readers, our advertisers and the general public, best wishes for the Holiday Season, a Very Merry Xmas, Happy New Year

INTERURBAN SERVICE

Further evidence of the efficiency of the Bryan-College Traction Company was shown during the recently severe cold weather when the majority of the street car companies in other cities were tied up entirely or operating very few cars, while the local traction company gave double car service all day Saturday, taking the employees of the A. and M. College who live in Bryan to their work and bringing the holiday shoppers from College and intermediate points to Bryan for their Christmas shopping. The early morning cars were loaded to capacity with employees of the A. and M. College going to their work while the returning cars were comfortably full most all day with Christmas shoppers.

Few people realize the importance of the success of the Bryan-College Traction Company and the position it occupies in regard to development of the community. Saturday morning when the country was in the grip of the coldest wave of the year and it was impossible to operate automobiles with any degree of safety, the traction company served the patrons who otherwise would have been unable to reach their destination or would have had to use the automobile which was practically out of the question. The cars were provided with oil heaters and were warm and cozy. Such service commends itself to the traveling public and deserves the generous support of all interested in the up-building of the community. This is a Bryan institution owned and operated for the community's welfare, and this should be remembered by all the citizens of Bryan. Any public servant, such as all traction companies are, can only render service in so far as their financial capacity will permit. The more pasengers a traction company hauls the better the service. The Bryan-College Traction Company is improving its service all the time, and the policy of the direction of the road is to still further improve the service just as the business justifies.

WHAT IS BOOK FARMING?

"Book farming," according to J. E Stanford, district agent of the Texas Extension Service, "is putting into print for distribution, an account of something that has already been done successfully."

An experiment station develops certain facts and demonstrates their practical application. The results of these experiments are printed because it is the only means of passing that knowledge on the farmers of the country. Those who take advantage of the discoveries thus made are book farmers. Some farmer in a remote section of the country discovers that by certain practices he has been able to increase the production of certain crops. Some one learns of his methods, tests them and finds them practical, and describes them in print. Every man who reads and follows the same practice becomes a book farmer. Last year Texas farmers who were fighting grasshoppers by applying poison under the instructions of the county agents, were book farmers. Every farmer who makes an effort to secure good cotton seed is a book farmer, because he is following a practice the value of which was first demonstrated by specialists and described in print.

Mr. Stanford, in a recent address in Texarkana, drove home his argument by asking: "Would you employ a doctor who was not a book doctor? Did you ever see a good lawyer who did not study his books? How would you like a preacher who was not a student, or a teacher in your schools who was not a book teacher? Then, why not have "book farmers?"

Farming is the greatest industry in the world and has more angles to it than any other. A more general and more special knowledge is required in almost any other line of work. Farming requires more specialists than all the other industries put together. That being the case, every farmer who is a success must be a "book farmer."—Farm and Ranch.

When you pass along the streets and see those pots of the Good Cheer Association, be generous and drop in something for by your generosity some "little forgotten child" will be made happy. Remember it is "more blessed to give than to receive," and the more you put of Christ into Christmas the more you are going to get out of it.

"Right or wrong, stand up for your home town," says the McKinney Courier. We are not quite sure about that. Our policy is to never forsake our town and work unceasingly to keep it right. The very fact a town is our home town makes it the best town in the best State in all these United States.

The quickest way to get people to refuse to lend assistance is to get their aid on some occasion and then ridicule and make light of their efforts.

He who profits from his own mistakes is "wise"—he who profits from another's mistakes is a "crook"—usually.

A penny saved is a penny earned is just as true of a dollar but is more difficult to accomplish.

MASSEY-GANDY WED

Monday afternoon at 4o'clock, Albert Wm. Massey and Miss Murel Gandy of Wellborn were married at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Meads Rev. Meads officiating. Mr. Massey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Massey, who live two miles out of Bryan on the Benchley road, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gandy of Wellborn.

TO GRAIN AND HAY BUYERS

We have maize and kafir heads corn, oats, hay, meal hulls, all kinds feed carlots. Ask for prices delivered H. H. WATSON CO., Dallas, Tex.

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CO-OPERATION NEEDED

Criticism of overlapping departments in educational and other branches of the State government is easy to make. There always is some overlapping between departments of the State county and city governments if everybody is on the job At the recent Chamber of Commerce meeting in Fredericksburg, C. C [illegible] the Fort Worth Stockyards company who for many years [illegible] Texas' most useful [illegible] the suggestion [illegible] Department of Agriculture [illegible] statistical and law enforcement [illegible] the State government [illegible] look towards teaching [illegible] of Texas better agriculture [illegible] that is now [illegible] The [illegible] better from [illegible] French [illegible] boys' beef [illegible] the State [illegible] overlapping of [illegible] Texas A. and M. [illegible] no other agency [illegible] specific task of the work [illegible] has done so well, and [illegible] out of the whole proposition [illegible] the State Department of Agriculture is a practical [illegible] can specifically provide [illegible] branch of agricultural [illegible] is undertaken only in a general way by other agencies [illegible] the State lose his service [illegible] of this? Co-operation between every agency working for agricultural betterment in Texas and mutual agreement on specific lines of work is a better solution for the problem of overlapping effort than abolishing the functions of any useful agency.—San Antonio Express.

SOME FAST AGE

We are in complete agreement with our correspondent, John H. A Kelly, that the newspapers of this country should bar from their columns the ugly contraction, "Xmas." It is a profanation of one of the most sacred words in our language. It sets cathedral chimes to jazz. Is the modern pace so fast that we may not spell out the name of the birthday of Him who gave us the faith by which most of us hope to live and die?—Brenham Banner.

Just today we heard a man criticising the city authorities for not keping the streets cleaner. While he was doing it, he was opening his mail on the sidewalk, and all he didn't want, he pitched into the street. "Consistency, thou are a jewel."

We are told there will be a total eclipse of the sun January the 27th, and that the best place to view it and where it will be total is Montank, N. Y.

Why have so much legislation? Why not leave some thing to the imagination?

FURTHER FINDINGS OF SURVEY COMMISSION

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—Studies made by the Texas Educational Survey staff, announcement made by the State Department of Education asserts, show the existence in many communities of the practice of failing to use for the benefit of Mexican and negro scholastics the money apportioned by the State for them.

"This practice," the announcement continued, "is not found in all districts in which Mexican and negroes live, but custom varies greatly from district to district. In the same counties with districts that use the state apportionment for Mexican children for the benefit of native children will be found districts that not only use the State apportionment for the Mexicans but levy a local tax as well. The same is true in the case of negroes.

"The survey staff believes it should be the deliberate judgment of the majority of the electorate of the state that determines the policy to be pursued in such maters. Districts should not be left free to determine the use of money apportioned to them for the schooling of Mexicans and negroes and then ask the State to take the consequences. As far as proper education results in an increase of individual efficiency and a decrease crime the State as a whole has to take the consequences flowing from the failure of communities to provide adequate schools for all the children."

DOKEYS RAISE PURSE FOR WARREN BONEYS

Warren Boney, World War veteran and disabled soldier, a Federal trainee at A. and M. College, and who operated a poultry project near Bryan for a time and later purchased an interest in the Bryan Cafe, is now in the government hospital at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, suffering from cancer and quick tuberculosis with no hope held for his recovery. He was initiated into the Dokey branch of the Knights of Pythias at the Armistice Day ceremonial in Bryan and the local members of the Dokey lodge have raised over $70 which is being sent to the wife and family who are now living at Bedias, in Grimes county, with her people. The fund has not yet been completed.

CONFERENCE IS CALLED ON AGRICULTURE BY STATE COMMISSIONER

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—George B Terrell, commissioner of agriculture today announced that he had invited commissioners of agriculture in the South to hold a conference here about January 20, the previously announced purpose of which is to consider an educational campaign in the South to rehabilitate agriculture and take preliminary steps to place it on a firmer financial basis.

The conference was suggested by B. Harris commissioner of agriculture of South Carolina. Mr. Terrell, noting that the conference city was yet to be selected, invited them to Austin. Mr. Terrell, among other things, held out the inducement of witnessing the inaguration of the first woman governor in Texas and the prospect of a trip to the Rio Grande Valley to view its development in the growth of citrus fruits, in inviting the agricultural commissioners to meet here.

THOUSAND UNDELIVERED LETTERS FOUND IN HOME OF DEAD MAIL CARRIER

(By Associated Press)

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CONVICT ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER RELEASE SING SING

(By Associated Press)

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ADVERTISING PAYS

"The chief purpose of advertising is to foster good will between the advertiser and the public," said a member of the Sanger Brothers firm at Dallas not long ago, "and the greatest means of advertising is through the newspapers."

"The purpose of advertising," writes Arthur Brisbane "is to get an idea from the mind of one man into the mind of another—and make it stay there."

There is no mystery about good advertising. The same kind of talk that sells goods put into advertising use will bring the customers in to see the stuff you are talking about.

Advertising doesn't make sales except through mail order; it has served its purpose if it brings the prospective customer into your store Then it is up to you through salesmanship to complete the transaction and sell him your goods in return for his money.

And you'll not find a successful advertiser or an advertising expert anywhere but will tell you that regular advertising is the best advertising. "Keeping everlastingly at it brings success" in advertising, as in every other human endeavor.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

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PARIS, Dec. 24.—The evacuation of the Cologne Area of the German occupied region, on January 10, as conditionally set by the Versailles Peace Treaty, is deemed impossible by the French cabinet in view of reports from the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission at today's cabinet meeting. The ministers approved a memorandum in which the French government expressed this conclusion.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IS EVIDENT IN ROTARY

Opening with the singing of Christmas carols, led by E. P. Humbert with Rev. S. Moylan Bird at the piano and following with the program led by H. N. June, the Rotary meeting today at the Green Parrot Tea Room, following the fine Christmas menu set forth, partook of the spirit of the holidays and Christmas, which is on the morrow. Visitors were introduced and Rotarian June, prefacing his talk with a story of the car wreck in which he had the misfortune to participate last night near Hempstead, remaining there on the scene all night and barely arriving today in time for the meeting, and also some words in regard to educational programs and classification talks.

Architect June, for that was his classification talk, stated that Rotary International urged that every man should consider his vocation worthy, and that as a corollary to the main theorem, that each Rotarian should consider the other member's vocation worthy, which is something similar to Christmas spirit, he added. He then discussed the codes of ethics of the various different professions, and mentioned that he considered the first code of ethics to be the Ten Commandments.

Present were: W. S. Barron, C. L. Beason, C. S. Beckwith, S. M. Bird, Dr. J. W. Black, Wilson Bradley, J. F. Casey, W. J. Coulter, W. B. Cline, Jess Conlee, R. M. Dansby, E. B. Elliott, W. E. Farmer, E. J. Fermier, C. E. Griesser, G. P. Grout, O. W. Goolsbee, W. M. Griffin, F. L. Henderson, Chas. Hillier, E. P. Humbert, H. N. June, J. H. Kraft, T. K. Lawrence, W. H. Lawrence, Roy Montgomery, David Reid, Chas. Sosolik, D. L. Wilson, H. H. Williamson, I. E. Warren. Visitors: W. B. McNaughton, Palestine; Miss Norah Ward, Irvin Smith, Ray Pippen, Victor Gayle, Mrs. J. W. Black, J. W. Black, Jr., Mary Martha Black, E. Gordon Mullin, and H. D. Cuykendall of the Bryan Eagle.

NOTICE TO PEOPLE WHO WISH TO TAKE TESTS FOR TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES

Any one desiring to take the examination must go to the county superintendent, or his assistant, or write to the county superintendent giving his name, age, sex, color, and number of years' of experience in teaching. This must be done by the 20th of the month preceding the examination. These facts must be sent by the county superintendent to the State superintendent immediately after the 20th of the month. All persons applying after the 20th must get permission from the State superintendent to enter the examination.

Some applicants seem to think that if they give their name to the county superintendent and do not appear at the time they asked to be allowed to take the examination that the county superintendent should allow them to come in at any time later and take the examination. The State superintendent will not allow me to do this. D. J. McDONALD, County Superintendent, of Brazos county.

Mrs. H. H. Benke and little daughter, Hazel, are here from Kenedy to spend the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stallings, of the Alexander community, and her sister, Mrs. W. C. Vanderwerth, in Bryan.

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BENEFITS OF CO-OPERATIVE COTTON MARKETING SET FORTH AT BANQUET

Farmers and Bankers from Various Sections of the State Meet at Same Table with Officials of Texas Cotton Marketing Association and Bryan Business Men of Chamber of Commerce.

Nearly fifty people, bankers, farmers, business men and officials of the Texas Farm Bureau Marketing Association, were gathered last night about the banquet table at the Green Parrot Tea Room, Edgar Buchanan, district agent, presiding. The banquet was given by the Brazos County Farm Bureau Association with the others as honored guests, the purpose being to secure a greater interest in and more widespread knowledge of the purposes and accomplishments of the Cottor Marketing Association. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Rev. J. J. Tatum of the Free Baptist church. Then the presiding officer stated the purpose of the meeting in a few brief words and paid a tribute to the wonderful work being done for the farmers of Brazos county by our Chamber of Commerce and using this as preface to the introduction of Sam E. Eberstadt, secretary, whom, he said would give in detail the work of which he was the premier secretary of the State of Texas.

EBERSTADT'S ADDRESS

Mr. Eberstadt oultined rather briefly the organization of the Chamber of Commerce, the plan of operation and then launched into his favorite subject—rural aid given by the body to the farmers of the county. He took up the community club work and the developments that had been made in each section of the county, mentioning in particular Tabor, Millican, Edge and Steele's Store, where some wonderful results have been accomplished in a community way as a result of the establishment of these clubs. He then explained the purchase of the Martin ditchers by the Chamber of Commerce, and how they were loaned out to all sections of the county for terracing work and that this county would do more terracing under the able supervision of the best county agent in Texas, C. L. Beason, than any other county. He closed with a brief description of the growth of the poultry industry in this section and the predicition that the Edge "Blue Ribbon Forty" boys' and girls' club would again this year carry off the State honors in this work.

President Orr Speaks.

The next speaker on the program was John T. Orr, Dallas county farmer, and president of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association since its foundation about four years ago. In this wise was he heralded and also as one who was interested in advancing agriculture, just as the business men of Bryan were doing. "The cotton marketing association has for its object," said Mr. Orr, "the lifting of the bale of cotton in value so that a farmer can enjoy the difference between what he now gets for his product and what he ought to get; we plan to as nearly as possible deliver the cotton to the point of consumption and to do so at the least possible cost and on the shortest route and the highest route and the highest possible price." He then went into the history of the organization of the association and showed how faith in it had been created, first with the farmers and then with the bankkers and then the general public. He told of the small beginning that has grown to rather large proportions today—large when looking backwork but small in looking forward.

Cotton Growing Section.

Next on the speaking program was C. O. Moser, secretary of the American Cotton Growers Association, who gave facts and figures upon the organization as a whole which comprises about 300,000 members outside of the State of Texas but in the cotton producing states. He showed, in figures, the growth of the association and the sound credit of it as evidenced by the easiness with which money can be borrowed at four per cent. In addition he showed how it was up to the business man from a business standpoint to see to it that the farmer got as much as he could out of his crop in order that he would have more money to spend at the stores. That, from this point alone, if from no other, the business men of Bryan should support the organization, or at least investigate it and learn some thing about it.

Owens In Brilliant Talk.

John E. Owens delivered the most entertaining talk of the evening. He is a Wills Point banker who has been converted to the cotton marketing, and he is a splendid speaker, dealing in "hot shots" delivered one after the other without cessation, each one a simile or comparison and with a humorous undernote at most times. He kept his audience in laughter and at the same time showed them some real fundamental truths about cotton marketing and, himself a banker, said that it had hurt him considerable to stop charging 15 per cent and cut the rate to 6 per cent, but that he had done it.

The next speaker was Mr. Hall, secretary of the Texas Farm Bureau, the organization through which the cotton association functions. He made his talk very brief as the hour was growing late and the audience somewhat tired of the long discourses, though entertained by Mr Owens.

The concluding address was a brief one by M. E. Hayes, special agent canvassing members, and formerly connected with the extension service. He told something of his wodk.

The concensus of opinion after the meeting would be difficult to line up as different ones obtained different visions but the officials of cotton marketing all felt that some good had been accomplished and expressed their appreciation at the banquet provided for them and the opportunity of talking the work that lies nearest their hearts.

The following is a complete list of those attending the splendid banquet: J. T. Scott, farmer- banker president Security State Bank, Denison; E. L. Lawhon farmer of Taylor; M. S. Hudson, stock farmer, Hall Center; J. H Burroughs, stock farmer of Lubbock; W. B. Lanham Extension Service, A. and M. College; O. E. Easterling farmer of Abbott; J. L. Stasney, farmer; C. C. Morgan, J. N. Dulaney, R. E. Buchanan, Mrs Lee J. Rountree, Sam E. Eberstadt, T. K. Lawrence, W. H. Cole, F. L. Henderson, L. L. McInnis, J. Bryan Miller, Jno. M. Lawrence, E. U. Peters, H. P. Dansby, Rev. J. J. Tatum, J. J. Holik, G. M. Ammons and H. D Cuykendall all of Bryan; G. A. Lackey, farmer of Sweetwater; R. H. Seale, banker farmer of Benchley; I. M. Cook of Bryan Route 6; J. E. Montgomery of Beeville; J. B. Marshall of Temple; J. Walter Smith of Millican; C. O Moser of Dallas, John T. Orr of Dallas, Jno E. Owens of Dallas A. F. Wiselkaempt of Shamrock J. B Jamison of Simonton, L. O Mendamp of De Kalb, W. B. Wade of Abilene, W. W. Pitts farmer of Wills Point; J. W. L. Hall of Dallas, M. E. Hays of Dallas Fred J. Lang of Ganzales; T. W. Hander of Marlin; W. S. Higgs, Bryan.

WHISTLE LANGUAGE OF LOCOMOTIVES IS REVEALED BY S. P.

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—The mysteries of the language of railroad engines, as spoken through the engineer's whistle, have been revealed by the Southern Pacific Company in an announcement for the benefit of the general public. The significance of the engineer's performances on his whistle is explained as follows:

Four blasts, two of medium length and two short, are a warning that a locomotive is approaching a grade crossing.

A succession of short blasts tells trespassers to get off the track.

One long blast followed by three short ones sends the rear flagman back to protect against a following train.

Four or five blasts of medium duration recall the flagman.

Four short whistles is the engineer's way of asking for train order signal.

Two short whistles mean "Thank you," or "I get you."

One whistle of medium duration followed by two short blasts calls attention to signals displayed for a following section.

One long blast is given when train is approaching a station, draw bridge or junction.

Two short blasts given three times are a signal to the trainmen that the airbrakes are sticking.

BRITISH PAY LARGE SUMS FOR RARE AMERICAN STAMPS

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 24. Sir Nicholas Waterhouses' famous collection of American stamps was auctioned in London recently and realized $68,500. Many of the stamps will remain in England but a large number will return to America. Elliott Perdy of New Jersey paid $1,425 for a ten-cent block of 1851 stamps which originally cost Sir Nicholas about $4.50. Another rare block of eight five cent brown stamps of the issue of 1847, realized $3,750, and was purchased by Philip Ward of Philadelphia. Seven years ago this block was bought by Sir Nicholas for $100. Among other high prices was $500 for a five cent blue $37 for a thirty-cent ultra marine and pale carmine, $450 for a fifteen-cent blue and brown, and $375 for a twenty-four cent purple and green.

AMERICAN SWIMMERS TO ENTER CONTESTS ABROAD

(By Associated Press)

MAGDEBURG Dec. 24.—Negotiations have been completed between the Hellas Swimming Club of this city and a number of American swimmers of renown for a series of aquatic matches and exhibitions in German cities, including Magdeburg, Berlin, Hanover, Leipsig and Munich next year. Among the American athletes who are to come to Germany are Johnny Weissmueller, the world champion; Skelton of Chicago, victor in the Olympic games at Paris; Warren Kealoha, champion back-stroke swimmer, and possibly Al White, who holds the jumping and diving record.

It is generally assumed in German sporting circles that the American champions will combine the German engagements with a tour of Spain, France, Holland, Czecholslovakia, Austria and Hungary.

NAVAL OBSERVERS TRAVEL FAR TO SEE ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

(Special to Bryan Daily Eagle)

WASHINGTON Dec. 24.—Naval Observatory, which may observe the total solar eclipse of January 24, has had Old Sol's vagaries under observation for nearly a century. In 1838 Lieutenant J. M. Gilliss observed an annular or partial eclipse of the sun at Santiago, Chile. The total eclipse of 1870 was observed at Gibraltar and Sicily and eight years later, another eclipse was well observed. In 883 Caroline Island in the Pacific was used by a naval scientific party during a total eclipse.

To Dutch East Indies.

In 1900 the total eclipse of the sun visible in the southeastern section of the United States was observed by three naval parties. They were stationed at Barnesville, Ga., Griffin, Ga., and Pinehurst, N. C. The next year the observatory sent an expedition to the Island of Sumatra, Dutch East Indies, to observe the total eclipse and obtained good results.

In 1905 an expedition was dispatched to Spain and Algiers under Admiral Chester, then superintendent of the Naval Observatory. With clear weather fine observations were obtained. The last naval scientific party to observe a total solar eclipse was sent to Baker Oregon, in 1918, but a slight haze interferred seriously with the observations.

WALTER LAWLESS AND WINNIE MAXWELL ARE MARRIED LAST NIGHT

Last night at 6 o'clock at the home of the Free Baptist pastor, Rev. C. B. Thompson, Walter Lawless, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawless of Kurten and Miss Winnie Maxwell, teacher in the schools of Iola, were married. The Maxwells are one of the pioneer families of the Iola section and highly respected in their community while the Lawlesses are well known over this county. The young couple will spend Christmas with his parents at Kurten and after spending the holidays with relatives will make their home at Iola, where Mr. Lawless has a position as auto mechanic in a garage.

EXCURSION TRAINS WILL CARRY CROWDS TO SEE TOTAL ECLIPSE OF SUN

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The use of excursion trains to enable the public better to see the total eclipse of the sun, January 24, 1925, is suggested by Professor George H. Peters of the Naval Observatory here. He was discussing this phenomenon which will be visible, under favorable weather conditions in the eastern part of the country.

The middle line of the shadow path during the eclipse, the professor pointed out will run from Buffalo to Montauk Point, N. Y., between seven and ten o'clock in the morning, in a section of the United States well supplied with railroads. The railroads might run special trains for the benefit of the public, he declared, shunting them on sidings during the period of the eclipse.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Spence are spending the holiday at Alice and other coast towns.

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS KILLED HALF AS MANY AS IN WORLD WAR DEATH LIST

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—Clarence E. Gilmore, president of the Texas Council of Safety issued a statement recently addressed to the people of Texas asserting that the council had "set its hand to the serious and important task of aiding in the reduction of traffic accidents in Texas and, incidentally, all accidents."

The announcement added: "To state that one-half as many people were killed in the United States last year as there were American soldiers killed in the World War, with a crippled list of over 600,000, is to state the absolute necessity for action. Two outstanding things must be done. One is to arouse every citizen of the State to his individual responsibility, whether he be automobile driver or pedestrian, and the other is to arouse an immediate understanding of an obedience to the traffic laws.

"As we approach the holiday season with its joy and its enthusiasm and increased traffic on the streets and highways the Texas Council of Safety urges every citizen of the State to take special thought for the safety of themselves and those about them, to the end that traffic accidents may be reduced to the very lowest number and this glad season go unmarred with the horrors of death and injury from careless or reckless driving, or carelessness and lack of precaution on the part of the individual citizen.

"Having done that, we express the hope that every citizen will join most heartily with the Texas Council of Safety during 1925 in this movement of education, and its effort to aid in the reduction of traffic accidents."

OVER FOURTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS RAISED GOOD CHEER ASSOCIATION

Total Fund in Bryan's Charity Organization Exceeds $2,000 Which Promises That All Needy That are Found Will Be Cared For—Committee Found People Responsive and Liberal.

That the needy and unfortunate of Bryan and Brazos county will be cared for this Christmas is evidenced by the liberal response received by Secretary S. E. Eberstadt and Rev. J. J. Tatum, the finance committee of the Bryan Good Cheer Association, which recently canvassed the city and received 440 contributions for a total of $1,426.25, with the drive not yet completed and expected to run above $1500 before finished. With the $800 balance in the treasury, the grand total exceeds the $2,000 mark which will be ample to provide Christmas needs and also to take care of demands upon the Association throughout the year. Only 10 or 15 people refused to make any contribution out of the nearly 500 approached.

PARKWAY HOTEL AT CHICAGO IS ROBBED

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Two robbers held up employees and guests of the Parkway Hotel today and rifled the safety boxes in the safe of more than $100,000, it was disclosed after the guests had made a hurried check-up of their valuables. The robbers escaped.

SHAWNEE BANDIT IS SENTENCED TO THE PEN

(By Associated Press).

SHAWNEE, Okla., Dec. 24.—James Overstreet, arrested recently at Fort Worth and who pleaded guilty to robbery with fire arms in connection with the hold-up December 10 of the Federal National Bank here was sentenced to 25 years in the State penitentiary here today.

NURENBERG SETS PACE IN GERMAN BUSINESS OF TOYS

NUREMBERG, Dec. 24.—Toy autos are decidely the fasnion in this year's Christmas market and next to the auto comes the Zeppelin. Miniature "ZR-3's" are fairly glutting the German toy market. As millions of German children saw the Los Angeles in its various trial flights before the big hop to America, the toy Zeppelin appeals to them mightily. In the realm of dolls, as indispensable to little girls as ever, the sloth doll, indestructible but rather ugly, is the predominatn variety.

STATE OFFICIALS TAKE PRECAUTIONS BUBONIC PLAGUE

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—Dr. Malone Duggan, state health ofifcer, and V. M. Ehlers, State sanitary engineer, have returned from Houston where they conferred with the health authorities relative to taking protective measures in connection with the arrival of ships from bubonic plague infested ports. Rat guards and other means, they said, are being used to prevent any infected rats from escaping to land. Dr. Duggan and Mr. Ehlers visited Houston after reports had been circulated that rats infected with bubonic plague had been found at New Orleans.

PICTURES OF TEAMS OF TEXAS UNIVERSITY HANG IN MEN'S GYM

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 — More than 100 pictures of basket ball, base ball and football teams have been framed and hung in the hall of the men's gymnasium at the University of Texas, according to L. Theo Bellmont, dean of the College of Physical Activities.

Collection of the pictures started when Mr. Bellmont first came to the University in 1914. With $350 donated by H. J. Lutcher Stark, of Orange, the present chairman of the Board of Regents, the first pictures were framed and hung in the gymnasium. These pictures were photographs of the football team of 1893, and the baseball team of 1897.

Today the athletic department provides money for the framing of pictures and at the end of each year photographs of the team of the preceding year are hung on the wall of the physical training shack, along with the heroes of the gridiron of the '90's.

PENSION BILL BEEN SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Calvin Coolidge today signed the Omnibus Pension Bill, granting ensions to a number of individuals who have served in the armed forces of the country.

AIRMAIL PLANE FALLS TO GROUND

LONDON-PARIS EXPRESS BURST INTO FLAMES SOON AFTER TAKING OFF TODAY

EIGHT PEOPLE KILLED

(By Associated Press)

CROYDON, England, Dec. 24.—Eight persons were killed when an airplane crashed at the airdrome here today. The plane which crashed was a big air express from London to Paris. It fell shortly after leaving the airdrome. It had burst into flames. The pilot and all seven passengers were killed.

TEXAS FEELING GRIP SECOND COLD WAVE

(By Associated Press)

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—Texas was in the grip of another cold wave today with still lower temperatures forecast for Thursday by the local weather station. It was snowing today in portions of the West Texas Panhandle. It will not be quite as cold as the wave of last week, according to the prediction.

EXAMINATIONS FOR CLERKS AND CARRIERS, JAN. 17, 1925

According to Postmaster Marvin F. Carroll, the clerk-carrier examination will be held at the Bryan postoffice on January 17, 1925, beginning at 9 a. m. Those desiring to take such examinations will apply to F. A. Cloud at the post office for the blanks to fill in order to be admitted to the examination. The examination is held once each year so establish an eligible register, so that if vacancies are to be filled or additional help needed, the postmaster will have the names of the ones that are eligible to pick from.

F. O. MARTIN LEAVES FOR CHICAGO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING

F. O. Martin, publicity secretary of the A. and M. College, left today noon for Chicago to attend the annual meeting of the American Association of College News Bureaus. He will leave College Station on the S. P., first going to Dallas, leaving there tonight at 8 o'clock. He expects to spend a day in St. Louis, also. Mr. Martin is on the program to discuss "Publicity In Texas." Publicity directors and deans of journalism of the leading colleges and universities in the United States are on the program to treat the various phases of the publicity and journalism business.

BRYAN FIRM BUYS CONROE ICE PLANT ELECTRIC PLANT, GIN

According to W. E. Farmer, local superintendent for the Western Public Service Company, his company has purchased the Conroe utility, consisting of electric plant and ice plant and cotton gin. In line with the company's expansion the Conroe property will be completely overhauled and later connected by transmission lines with a large central station to be erected at some suitable location, to supply all the properties from Kosse to Hempstead, Navasota to Conroe and South, it is said. A line is also to be constructed from Somerville and Caldwell to this central station.

This company is now making surveys of five other utility plants in this vicinity and will purchase them if found desriable. The Texas headquarters for the Western Public Service Company are at Navasota. Paul Freeman is the divisio superintendent for the corporation.

TABOR BOY'S TEAM WON FROM BRYAN BY A SCORE OF 9 TO 8

(Special to Bryan Daily Eagle)

TABOR, Dec. 19.—Principal and Coach W. G. Colson of the Tabor high school took his team of senior boys to Bryan on Tuesday night for a basket ball game with the high school there. The Tabor boys won by the close score of 9 to 8. The team personnel was: Adolph Conrad, George Broach, Sherman Walker, Sam Walker, Conlee Wilson, Charleston Cooper and Joe Bailey Walker.

SATSUMA ORANGES CAN BE GROWN HERE

Bryan can grow Satsuma oranges. We know, for we have tangible evidence in a half dozen lovely juicy ones brought us by John Boriskie, who lives one-half mile from Bryan on the Smetana road. Mr. Boriskie has five 4-year old orange trees and has already this year gathered from them four dozen oranges, with only three of the trees bearing. Mr. Boriskie tells us that a moderate freeze will not kill orange trees as he has tried them out for the past four years. If Mr. Boriskie can grow oranges successfully in Bryan, why not others? Every home yard in Bryan should have a few orange trees. Plant now. This is the time

TRAFFIC COP IS SHOT AND KILLED BY BANK BANDIT NEW ORLEANS

(By Associated Press)

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Jacob Uple traffic policeman, was shot and killed today by a bandit who robbed the Frenchman street branch of the Marine Bank of $13,000.

HIGH AND LOW READINGS OF MERCURY LAST WEEK

The following is a record of the maximum and minimum temperatures registered last week on the standard thermometer maintained by the division of entomology, A. and M. College, F. L. Thomas, chief. The day is considered from 8 o'clock one morning to 8 o'clock the following morning:

Day	Minimum	Maximum
Monday	69	85
Tuesday	70	82
Wednesday	71	80
Thursday	63	84
Friday	18	23
Saturday	18	26.5
Sunday	25	33
Average	47	59

FIGURES GIVEN COTTON GINNED

TEXAS HAS GINNED OVER FOUR AND A HALF MILLION BALES THIS YEAR

ALSO THE TEXAS CROP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 12, totaled 12,796,216 running bales, including 293,366 round bales, counted as half bales; compared with 9,549,015 running bales ginned prior to that date last year, the Census Bureau announced today. Ginnings in Texas for the period were 4,574,551 bales.

GRADE DIVISIONS OF PARENT-TEACHERS HELD GOOD MEETING

The grade sections of the Parent-Teachers Associations held a successful social meeting in Carnegie Library on Thursday afternoon, from 3:15 to 5 o'clock. An interesting program had been arranged including a "Mother Goose Playlet," and a "Baby Band" number by Miss Marjorie Short's kindergarten class, and a playlet by the second grade pupils from the East Side school, illustrating the origin of Hans Christian Anderson's "Fairy Tales." Miss Annie Dearing as teacher of the second grade, had charge of the last number. Mrs. Maggie W. Barry brought a most vital report from the State Parent-Teachers Association which met in Wichita Falls during November.

Mrs. Barry prophecies that the coming session of the legislature will deal with many problems of taxation and legislation vital to the future policies of Texas. She discussed the educational system, and urged a careful study of such questions through the medium of newspapers and other reliable sources of information, that we may be ready to lend our full support and interest when and where it will be most effective. She also urged Parent-Teachers Associations to wake up to their responsibilities as diffusers of information along child welfare and administrative lines rather than become a predominantly money-making organization.

Forty or fifty interested mothers and patrons made up the audience. Ladies of the College association were guests for the afternoon, and at the end of the program reservations had been made at a local confectionery where delicious hot chocolate and wafers were served and a social half hour was enjoyed.

Brilliant red poinsettas were distributed as favors by daintly little Miss Maulice Searcy. And the Christmas spirit pervaded the entire afternoon in the decorations and in the juvenile numbers on the pro-

DELPHIAN CHAPTER IN REGULAR MEETING FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Despite the inclemency of the weather, an enthusiastic group of Bryan Delphians met in the last regular session of this year on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Carnegie Library club rooms, with Mrs. Thomas Lundin presiding and Mrs. R. M. Dansby as secretary. The business session was limited to roll call which was answered as usual with current events and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

A most enjoyable and profitable time was spent reading from Shakespear's "King Lear." With Mrs. Slesson, the members felt amply repaid for having braved the elements and attended the meeting and studied this sublime tragedy. Each act was read and discussed separately the structure of the drama noted, and the many phases and quotations in modern literature traced to this masterpiece.

At the conclusion of the lesson the president suggested in a pleasing manner the idea of service whether great or small that should prevail in celebration of the Christmas season, weaving into her remarks the story of "The White Gift." There is a legend of a strange Eastern King who ruled his subjects, rich and poor alike, with justice and wisdom and without fear or favor. His subjects observed his birthday in what they called the "White Feast:" "Then are the king and his court assembled in a great room of the palace, which is all walls hung with curtains of white silk. All are in white apparel and they offer unto the king white gifts to show that their love and loyalty are without stain. The rich bring to their lord pearls, carvings of ivory white chargers and costly embroidered garments. The poor present white pigeons and handfuls of rice. Nor doth the great king regard one gift above the other so long as all be white. And so do they keep the king's birthday." After the appointments of hostesses, Mrs. Paul Dansby and Mrs. F. D. Fuller for the next meeting. January 2nd, the chapter adjourned with the exchange of happy holiday greetings.

BANDITS LOOTED CITY PARADISE

BANK AND PRACTICALLY EVERY STORE VISITED BY ROBBERS LAST NIGHT

ARE VALLEY VIEW GANG

(By Associated Press).

FT. WORTH, Dec. 24.—The bank and practicaly every store in Paradise, in Wise county, were looted some time last night, according to word received here today. The bandits are believed to be the same ones who sacked and burned Valley View last week. The amount of loot secured could not be determined. Six stores, the post office and railroad station were the other places entered. The vault of the bank was not opened. Small safes in the stores were opened but very little money was reported missing. The postoffice and bank at Britton, 25 miles south of here, was robbed last night also.

NEARLY 90,000 HEAD CATTLE PERISHED IN RECENT SLEET STORM

(By Associated Press).

HOUSTON, Dec. 23.—Cattle losses in the Houston territory as a result of the week-end sleet and ice storm was estimated today at $2,187,500. This estimate was made by Henry Fox, Houston banker, after consultation with persons who have been making a study of the situation.

MACCABEES LODGE IN CHRISTMAS MEETING K.P. HALL LAST NIGHT

The local Maccabees Lodge enjoyed a delightful Christmas meeting at the Knights of Pythias Hall on Friday night. The extremely cold weather prevented many from attending, but a large crowd was present nevertheless, and the affair proved one of the happiest of the present gay season. Christmas decorations converted the spacious hall into a veritable bower of holiday beauty. Evergreens, holly with its brilliant red berries, festoons of winter mosses and many red candles adorned walls and the window ledges. A Christmas tree, ablaze with light and tinsel, and loaded with presents, was the climax of the pretty scene. Refreshments were served of fig pudding with whipped cream, salted pecans, hot tea with lemon, and on each plate a tiny poinsettas blossom conveying "Merry Christmas, good wishes" to every one present.

Mrs. C. E. Lewis, the retiring commander, who has served the organization with efficiency during the past year, was presented a silver sandwich tray as a gift from the members, Mrs. A. D. Graham making speech of presentation.

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Outclassing the Waco Tigers all through the game from start to finish, the Oak Cliff Leopards won the football championship of the State High School Intersholastic League on the Dallas gridiron Saturday. This was the 4th consecutive year that Coach Tyson of the Tigers has entered his team in the State finals. Oak Cliff's eleven is easily the outstanding football team of the high schools of Texas, having downed the fine Waco team 31 to 0. Oak Cliff has an eleven that is of academic class and could compete with some of the College teams. The coaching staff is also to be commended.

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A business deal involving the largest sum of money in a transaction on College Road was completed this week wherein Mrs. H. T. Lawler transferred her home and about 13 acres of land in this section to J. H. Nash and Douglas Howell, the consideration being $18,000, according to Jordan T. Lawler, who gave out the above information. The Lawlers will retain possession until spring. Jordan T. Lawler will continue to make his home in Bryan. Mrs. Lawler is considering moving to San Antonio.

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C. E. Jenkins, of this city, is not only a contractor, a carpenter and efficient chief of the local fire department, as well as a worker and official in a local church, is in addition a chicken fancier and raiser. He sent 14 of his White Leghorns to Waco to the poultry show there which began on Wednesday and continued through Thursday and today and will close on Saturday night. He won 9 ribbons on the 14 entries, one of them a blue ribbon and several red ribbons. The awards were made on Wednesday. The awards practically paid for the cost of shipment and entering the birds, in addition to making himself known over this section of Texas as a poultry raiser and bringing credit to Bryan and Brazos county.



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That the needy and unfortunate of Bryan and Brazos county will be cared for this Christmas is evidenced by the liberal response received by Secretary S. E. Eberstadt and Rev. J. J. Tatum, the finance committee of the Bryan Good Cheer Association, which recently canvassed the city and received 440 contributions for a total of $1,426.25, with the drive not yet completed and expected to run above $1500 before finished. With the $800 balance in the treasury, the grand total exceeds the $2,000 mark which will be ample to provide Christmas needs and also to take care of demands upon the Association throughout the year. Only 10 or 15 people refused to make any contribution out of the nearly 500 approached.

PARKWAY HOTEL AT CHICAGO IS ROBBED

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Two robbers held up employees and guests of the Parkway Hotel today and rifled the safety boxes in the safe of more than $100,000, it was disclosed after the guests had made a hurried check-up of their valuables. The robbers escaped.

SHAWNEE BANDIT IS SENTENCED TO THE PEN

(By Associated Press).

SHAWNEE, Okla., Dec. 24.—James Overstreet, arrested recently at Fort Worth and who pleaded guilty to robbery with fire arms in connection with the hold-up December 10 of the Federal National Bank here was sentenced to 25 years in the State penitentiary here today.

NUREMBERG SETS PACE IN GERMAN BUSINESS OF TOYS

NUREMBERG, Dec. 24.—Toy autos are decidely the fasnion in this year's Christmas market and next to the auto comes the Zeppelin. Miniature "ZR-3's" are fairly glutting the German toy market. As millions of German children saw the Los Angeles in its various trial flights before the big hop to America, the toy Zeppelin appeals to them mightily. In the realm of dolls, as indispensable to little girls as ever, the sloth doll, indestructible but rather ugly, is the predominatn variety.

STATE OFFICIALS TAKE PRECAUTIONS BUBONIC PLAGUE

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—Dr. Malone Duggan, state health officer, and V. M. Ehlers, State sanitary engineer, have returned from Houston where they conferred with the health authorities relative to taking protective measures in connection with the arrival of ships from bubonic plague infested ports. Rat guards and other means, they said, are being used to prevent any infected rats from escaping to land. Dr. Duggan and Mr. Ehlers visited Houston after reports had been circulated that rats infected with bubonic plague had been found at New Orleans.

PICTURES OF TEAMS OF TEXAS UNIVERSITY HANG IN MEN'S GYM

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—More than 100 pictures of basket ball, base ball and football teams have been framed and hung in the hall of the men's gymnasium at the University of Texas, according to L. Theo Bellmont, dean of the College of Physical Activities.

Collection of the pictures started when Mr. Bellmont first came to the University in 1914. With $350 donated by H. J. Lutcher Stark, of Orange, the present chairman of the Board of Regents, the first pictures were framed and hung in the gymnasium. These pictures were photographs of the football team of 1893, and the baseball team of 1897.

Today the athletic department provides money for the framing of pictures and at the end of each year photographs of the team of the preceding year are hung on the wall of the physical training shack, along with the heroes of the gridiron of the '90's.

PENSION BILL BEEN SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Calvin Coolidge today signed the Omnibus Pension Bill, granting pensions to a number of individuals who have served in the armed forces of the country.

AIR MAIL PLANE FALLS TO GROUND

LONDON-PARIS EXPRESS BURST INTO FLAMES SOON AFTER TAKING OFF TODAY

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(By Associated Press)

CROYDON, England, Dec. 24—Eight persons were killed when an airplane crashed at the airdrome here today. The plane which crashed was a big air express from London to Paris. It fell shortly after leaving the airdrome. It had burst into flames. The pilot and all seven passengers were killed.

TEXAS FEELING GRIP SECOND COLD WAVE

(By Associated Press)

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—Texas was in the grip of another cold wave today with still lower temperatures forecast for Thursday by the local weather station. It was snowing today in portions of the West Texas Panhandle. It will not be quite as cold as the wave of last week, according to the prediction.

EXAMINATIONS FOR CLERKS AND CARRIERS, JAN. 17, 1925

According to Postmaster Marvin F. Carroll, the clerk-carrier examination will be held at the Bryan postoffice on January 17, 1925, beginning at 9 a. m. Those desiring to take such examinations will apply to F. A. Cloud at the post office for the blanks to fill in order to be admitted to the examination. The examination is held once each year so establish an eligible register, so that if vacancies are to be filled or additional help needed, the postmaster will have the names of the ones that are eligible to pick from.

F. O. MARTIN LEAVES FOR CHICAGO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING

F. O. Martin, publicity secretary of the A. and M. College, left today noon for Chicago to attend the annual meeting of the American Association of College News Bureaus. He will leave College Station on the S. P., first going to Dallas, leaving there tonight at 8 o'clock. He expects to spend a day in St. Louis, also. Mr. Martin is on the program to discuss "Publicity In Texas." Publicity directors and deans of journalism of the leading colleges and universities in the United States are on the program to treat the various phases of the publicity and journalism business.

BRYAN FIRM BUYS CONROE ICE PLANT ELECTRIC PLANT, GIN

According to W. E. Farmer, local superintendent for the Western Public Service Company, his company has purchased the Conroe utility, consisting of electric plant and ice plant and cotton gin. In line with the company's expansion the Conroe property will be completely overhauled and later connected by transmission lines with a large central station to be erected at some suitable location, to supply all the properties from Kosse to Hempstead, Navasota to Conroe and South, it is said. A line is also to be constructed from Somerville and Caldwell to this central station.

This company is now making surveys of five other utility plants in this vicinity and will purchase them if found desriable. The Texas headquarters for the Western Public Service Company are at Navasota. Paul Freeman is the divisio superintendent for the corporation.

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(Special to Bryan Daily Eagle)

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SATSUMA ORANGES CAN BE GROWN HERE

Bryan can grow Satsuma oranges. We know, for we have tangible evidence in a half dozen lovely juicy ones brought us by John Boriskie, who lives one-half mile from Bryan on the Smetana road. Mr. Boriskie has five 4-year old orange trees and has already this year gathered from them four dozen oranges, with only three of the trees bearing. Mr. Boriskie tells us that a moderate freeze will not kill orange trees as he has tried them out for the past four years. If Mr. Boriskie can grow oranges successfully in Bryan, why not others? Every home yard in Bryan should have a few orange trees. Plant now. This is the time

TRAFFIC COP IS SHOT AND KILLED BY BANK BANDIT NEW ORLEANS

(By Associated Press)

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Jacob Ude traffic policeman, was shot and killed today by a bandit who robbed the Frenchman street branch of the Marine Bank of $13,000.

HIGH AND LOW READINGS OF MERCURY LAST WEEK

The following is a record of the maximum and minimum temperatures registered last week on the standard thermometer maintained by the division of entomology, A. and M. College, F. L. Thomas, chief. The day is considered from 8 o'clock one morning to 8 o'clock the following morning:

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Friday	18	23
Saturday	18	26.5
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FIGURES GIVEN COTTON GINNED

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GRADE DIVISIONS OF PARENT-TEACHERS HELD GOOD MEETING

The grade sections of the Parent-Teachers Associations held a successful social meeting in Carnegie Library on Thursday afternoon, from 3:15 to 5 o'clock. An interesting program had been arranged including a "Mother Goose Playlet," and a "Baby Band" number by Miss Marjorie Short's kindergarten class, and a playlet by the second grade pupils from the East Side school, illustrating the origin of Hans Christian Anderson's "Fairy Tales." Miss Annie Dearing as teacher of the second grade, had charge of the last number. Mrs. Maggie W. Barry brought a most vital report from the State Parent-Teachers Association which met in Wichita Falls during November.

Mrs. Barry prophecies that the coming session of the legislature will deal with many problems of taxation and legislation vital to the future policies of Texas. She discussed the educational system, and urged a careful study of such questions through the medium of newsapers and other reliable sources of information, that we may be ready to lend our full support and interest when and where it will be most effective. She also urged Parent-Teachers Associations to wake up to their responsibilities as diffusers of information along child welfare and administrative lines rather than become a predominantly money-making organization.

Forty or fifty interested mothers and patrons made up the audience. Ladies of the College association were guests for the afternoon, and at the end of the program reservations had been made at a local confectionery where delicious hot chocolate and wafers were served and a social half hour was enjoyed.

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REVEREND LAWRENCE HIGHT GIVEN LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR MURDER

Mrs. Elsie Sweetin Sentenced to Thirty-five Years in Penitentiary by Jury Trying Them for Poison Murder of Her Husband, Wilford Sweetin—Both Defendants Will Ask For a New Trial.

(By Associated Press)

MOUNT VERNON, Illinois, Dec. 24.—The jury trying Rev. Lawrence Hight and Mrs. Elsie Sweetin for the poison murder of her husband Wilford Sweetin, today returned a verdict of "guilty". Hight was given life imprisonment while Mrs. Sweetin was given 35 years in the penitentiary. The jury deliberated all right. The two defendants received the verdict in silence and with no outward display of emotion. Attorneys for both defendants gave formal notice that they would ask for a new trial.

OAK CLIFF WALLOPED WACO TO TUNE OF 31-0

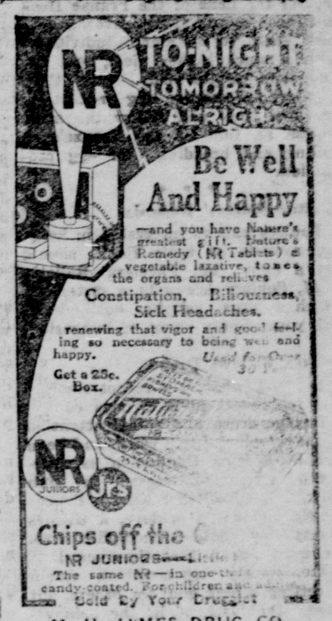
Outclassing the Waco Tigers all through the game from start to finish, the Oak Cliff Leopards won the football championship of the State High School Intersholastic League on the Dallas gridiron Saturday. This was the 4th consecutive year that Coach Tyson of the Tigers has entered his team in the State finals. Oak Cliff's eleven is easily the outstanding football team of the high schools of Texas, having downed the fine Waco team 31 to 0. Oak Cliff has an eleven that is of academic class and could compete with some of the College teams. The coaching staff is also to be commended.

MRS. H. T. LAWLER HAS SOLD PROPERTY ON COLLEGE HIGHWAY

A business deal involving the largest sum of money in a transaction on College Road was completed this week wherein Mrs. H. T. Lawler transferred her home and about 13 acres of land in this section to J. H. Nash and Douglas Howell, the consideration being $18,000, according to Jordan T. Lawler, who gave out the above information. The Lawlers will retain possession until spring. Jordan T. Lawler will continue to make his home in Bryan. Mrs. Lawler is considering moving to San Antonio.

C. E. JENKINS TOOK RIBBONS AT WACO'S BIG POULTRY SHOW

C. E. Jenkins, of this city, is not only a contractor, a carpenter and efficient chief of the local fire department, as well as a worker and official in a local church, is in addition a chicken fancier and raiser. He sent 14 of his White Leghorns to Waco to the poultry show there which began on Wednesday and continued through Thursday and today and will close on Saturday night. He won 9 ribbons on the 14 entries, one of them a blue ribbon and several red ribbons. The awards were made on Wednesday. The awards practically paid for the cost of shipment and entering the birds, in addition to making himself known over this section of Texas as a poultry raiser and bringing credit to Bryan and Brazos county.



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BRAZOS COUNTY

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB DEPARTMENT

Club Notes and Farm News by County Agent C. L. Beason

Agriculture Getting Better.

Among the evidences of a "new day" in agriculture, C. A. Cobb, editor of the Southern Ruralist, mentions the fact that the output of the farmer has increased 37 per cent since 1900 while the number of farmers has increased 5 per cent, and, "Moreover," he says, "it is a day of application of big business methods in agriculture. And just as science and the wholesome principles of big business have worked wonders in the advancement of industry, so are they working wonders in the advancement of agriculture." Fortunate is the farmer who recognizes these facts and who seeks to equip himself to meet the changed environments of present-day farming.

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Louisiana's Farm Slogan.

It is said that the Louisiana Extension Department has for its motto, "100 pure-bred hens on every Louisiana farm, 100 eggs from each hen and a poultry club member in every home." That is a good motto, but the hens of the Franze flock in Brazos county, Texas, average 167 eggs each, with many individuals with a much higher yield, and the Louisiana people can raise their standard of average egg production, provided they will follow the same course as that of the Franze's in culling and breeding for egg production.

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Poultry Raisers' Records.

Poultry raisers interested in keeping records of their flocks should get a copy of Farmers' Bulletin 1227, Poultry Accounts, a system by which records can be easily kept. Ask your county agent, if interested.

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Grimes Follows Brazos.

It is said that at a recent community meeting held in Grimes county a farmer arose and called attention to the wonderful trip which had been won by Britton Henderson as a result of a splendid record in club work, and added that what a Brazos county boy could achieve, a Grimes county boy could accomplish also. We must admit that the record of Brazos county club members would be setting a high goal for others, but to say the least of it, the achievements of Brazos county club members serve to stimulate others to noble endeavor, and this we must hold in mind when setting our own goals for the future, lest others outdistance us in the race we run.

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Soil Saving Dams.

Dan Scoates professor agricultural engineering, A. and M. College of Texas, has an interesting and instructive article in the Southern Ruralist, December 15, concerning the structure and use of soil saving dams for the purpose of filling up gullies or preventing washing at ends of terraces. If interested in such work, read the article carefully.

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Farmers In Terracing.

It is said that A. J. Cotton, county agent of Burnett county, has arranged with the Commissioners' Court of that county to use tractors and graders, when not in use on the roads, to build terraces for the farmers the county agent running lines and advising with farmers as to location of terrace lines, etc., the plan resulting in a wholesale building of substantial terraces, and reaching many farms that could not be reached without such arrangement where-[illegible]power can be used. The [illegible]ration in Burnett county [illegible]ove helpful to others in[illegible]n checking soil washing, as [illegible]of the problems encountered in [illegible]ding terraces that will stand, is the matter of ample power. Certainly idle machinery could be put to no better use than building terraces [illegible]re the foundation for a more [illegible]roductive soil.

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Small Towns vs. State.

[illegible] Blayney, president of the College [illegible]Industrial Arts, Denton, in [illegible]s asking to the county and home demonstration agents at their recent meeting in Houston, said, among [illegible]r things that if our democracy [illegible]be saved it will be saved by [illegible]eople of the small towns and by [illegible]ple from the rural sections. [illegible]terent from one of our [illegible]ding educators should impress our [illegible]l folk with the tremendous responsibility resting upon them in the work of helping to perpetuate our [illegible]ated civilization.

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Merry Christmas To All.

The county agent of Brazos county wishes it were possible to extend a personal Christmas greeting, or remembrance, to each and every person in Brazos county. This being impossible we take this method of extending the good people of Brazos county the kindest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Your co-operation and good will in the past inspire to greater service in the future.

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Terracing Is Interrupted.

The holidays and meeting at Houston last week have interrupted our terracing program, but we shall get back at first opportunity, beginning at Henry Koontz's and then to others as fast as we can reach them. T. C. Elliott, one of the leading farmers of the Edge community, has the following to say about terracing: "I want to say that the terracing done two years ago has improved my land very much It has increased the yield at least one-fourth and the land is getting better every year."

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Local Prize Argued.

Brazos county has lost to Anderson county in the great State-wide cotton contest of "more cotton per acre," the plan and $1,000 prize having been offered by the Dallas Morning News and the Semi-Weekly Farm News, but Philip Noto has set a new pace for cotton production in Brazos county, his report showing 12,390 pounds of seed cotton, or nine 500-pound bales of lint cotton, plus 131 pounds of lint. We regret that some local prize was not provided to lend encouragement to this splendid achievement, as was the case in many other counties, since it is an example that will be followed by many farmers in the future, benefitting alike both business men and farmers, in that the business man will be assured of a greater source of revenue, while the farmer will have had his earning capacity increased, his farm expenses reduced, and an opportunity afforded to diversify his farming operations.

AGENT C. L. BEASON ATTENDED MEETING HELD AT HOUSTON

County Farm Agent C. L. Beason returned home to Bryan from Houston, where he attended a meeting of county and district agents of districts 1, 2 and 4 of the State of Texas under the Extension Service Department of the A. and M. College. This district comprises the territory bounded by Brazos county on the north, the Louisiana border on the east, Brownsville on the south and San Antonio on the west. John Egan is district agent for No. 1, Geo. W. Johnson for No. 4, and A. W. Buchanan for No. 2. In addition there are about 60 counties in this district, most of whom were represented by their county agents.

This meeting is called annually by the Extension Service, so that the workers for bettering agriculture and general farm conditions in the various counties can get together, discuss problems and profit from one another's experiments and experience.

The Houston Chamber of Commerce were hosts to the county and home demonstration agents on Tuesday with a trip down the ship channel to the San Jacinto battle ground, showing the great ship channel that made Houston a deep-water port and the second largest cotton exporting port in the world. The point was made that this ship channel was built at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars, but that it had paid for itself many time over. One of the ships being loaded in the channel was to carry 25,000 bales of cotton, a load equal to the entire production of Brazos county in a good year.

Mr. Beason said that the program given at these meetings was highly worthwhile. He mentioned the address of Col. Haynes, who said, in speaking to the agents on Thursday morning in the meeting at the Houston Hotel, that the Houston Chamber of Commerce was the first in the United States to support in earnest the work of the county agents. He said that he felt there was no greater work to be done than to give encouragement to the development of a better agriculture. He pointed to the fact that only 4 per cent of the agricultural resources of Harris county have been developed up to the present and that no city cold hope to become great as a result of industries or deep water alone, but rather through the improvement of agriculture, upon which all other industries depend.

Those county agents who attended the Rotary luncheon at the Rice Hotel on Thursday noon found one of the livest bunch of boosters in the country, said Mr. Beason. The Rotary, as is all Houston, is looking forward to and planning for the big meeting of the International Advertising Men's Convention next June a meeting which is of interest to the entire Southwest.

"An interesting thing in connection with my visit," said Mr. Beason, "is that only this week there entered the Houston ship channel the first boatload of Ford parts from the Ford plant at Detroit that has ever been shipped in this manner." He also mentioned that the ship could not now return to its port of Detroit on account of ice in the St Lawrence.

MEMBERS OF BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT BANQUET ITS TEAM

The racing team composed of five members of the fire department, namely, C. A. Hamilton, Harry Berger, Sam Noto, W. H. Seibert and J. J. Stasny, with A. K. Brown as captain, were the guests of honor at an elaborate banquet given by the fire boys at the Green Parrot Tea Room on Friday night.

These five men were successful in taking third place on Fireman's Day at the Waco Cotton Palace. The boys competed with the crack teams of the State from paid fire departments and with teams who have been competing for prizes for the past thirty years. This was the first time the Bryan fire department had entered a team and the boys feels amply repaid for their efforts.

Many words of praise were delivered by members of the department as well as by some of the City Commissioners and the City Manager the Bryan team being beat by only two teams from paid departments by the small margin of 1 2-5 seconds.

Greater co-operation was assured the boys by all and the team next year should show to a greater advantage. The following members were present: Jeff Cole, A. K. Brown, Chas. Maigne C. A. Hamilton, Sam Noto, I. E. Warren, Jno Stasney Chas. Sebesta, C. A. Goodman, Lee Walker Jno. Whitman, C E. Griesser, Ed Blazek, Chief C. F. Jenkins Tom Jenkins, DeWitt Gresham, W. H. Seibert, Harry Berger J. Grocinsky. Visitors: Commissioners Harry A. Berger and L. L. McInnis, and City Manager J. B. Miller.

Woman's Club Annual Xmas Program

That the Woman's Club of Bryan is a center of culture and art, from which radiates an atmosphere of educational and inspirational benefit into this community was again evidenced on Wednesday afternoon when its annual Christmas program was given at an open meeting with Mrs. J. L. Brock as leader of the program. A large and appreciative audience of Bryan and College club women and their friends filled the auditorium at Carnegie Library, and with one accord they pronounced the Christmas meeting of the club for 1924 one of the very best of the year.

The spirit of the Christmastide was in evidence. Brilliant electric globes of var.-coloring twinkled amid mosses, holly and mistletoe, and Christmas candles glowed in bowers of red poinsetta and Christmas evergreens. The house committee paid tribute to Mrs. J. L. Brock, the talented leader of the program, by adorning her desk with two baskets one of winter poinsetta in their velvety beauty, the other of fragrant Southern roses of delicate pink coloring. The decorative scheme was most attractive.

Promptly at 3 p. m. Mrs. Brock called the meeting to order, and in her opening remarks of welcome and cheery greetings, she brought to the assembled audience a real Christmas message, one filled with beauty of thought and purpose, and one that will linger as a benediction in the hearts of all who heard it throughout this Christmas season.

The musical program as arranged by Mrs. Roy Danforth and already published in the Eagle was gone through and every number rendered was one of merit and thoroughly enjoyed. Added to the program was a vocal number, rendered by Samuel Johnson, a former Bryan boy, whose splendid voice is the pride of his many friends in this his old home. Mr. Johnson was passing through Bryan on his way from New York, where he is doing special work, to Beaumont to visit his father, W. E. Johnson, for the holidays. Stopping over for a short visit with relatives here, he kindly consented to sing at the Christmas meeting of the Woman's Club, and his appearance was much appreciated.

This occasion, which closed the sessions of the Woman's Club for 1924, was a veritable treat, and Bryan and surrounding communities were again reminded of the benefits, the uplift, the inspiration that have come to its citizenry, in the nearly 30 years since the organization of this club in 1895.

After the singing of Christmas carols by the entire audience, Mrs. Brock gave a parting word, expressing the hope that the approaching Christmas season may be bright and happy for each one, and that the light from the Holy Star, which first gleamed o'er the Judean Hills in the long ago, may shine into every home and into every heart.

HEAVY LOSSES REPORTED IN LIVE STOCK IN PANHANDLE AND LOCALLY

Damage to Citrus Crop at Brownsville Feared when Mercury Dropped to 28 This Morning—Traveler from Houston Passing Through Bryan Tells of Cattle Lying in Ditches Along Highway.

(By Associated Press)

DALLAS, Dec. 20.—The blizzard had penetrated to the Texas Gulf Coast and the Lower Rio Grande section today, demoralizing wire communication and probably doing damage to the citrus fruit crop in the Brownsville district, according to the local Weather Bureau. The thermometer registered 28 degrees this morning at Brownsville. Sleet was falling at Galveston and Houston. The latter two cities and Brownsville and Beaumont were practically isolated so far as wire communication was concerned. "Continued cold" is the forecast for the entire state tonight and Sunday. Below zero continued in parts of the Panhandle today. Some livestock losses were unofficially reported.

THERMOMETER REGISTERS 12 BELOW IN PANHANDLE.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 20.—A message from Perryton in the upper Panhandle today reports the temperature there as 12 degrees below zero here.

ALL WIRES ARE DOWN.

A tale of dead cattle lying along the side of the highway, of telephone poles with the weight of ice-covered wires falling across the roadway, and other havoc played by the storm, was brought to Bryan this afternoon by Jim Mayes and his son, Charley, of Temple, who were on their way home from Houston. They left Houston about 10 o'clock on Friday morning and the mercury there had just dropped to freezing a short time before they left. Taking the wrong paved road just this side of Houston, they got off the K. T. highway and drove to Katy, Texas. Reaching Katy about noon they started on the newly-graded 16-mile cut off to the K. T. Train which makes connections the other side of Waller. They were the whole afternoon making this 16-miles, said Mayes, and passed many cars in the ditch that had been abandoned by passengers who could not stay with their vehicles in the rain, sleet and intense cold. The cars had gone into the ditch in slipping off the newly graded road by the necessity of detouring [illegible] telephone poles that had fallen across the highway under the weight of ice-encrusted wires. The ice had gathered on the telephone and telegraph wires to the thickness of a man's arm, said Mr. Mayes, and the poles could not hold up the unusual load.

He said that in the fields along the highway there were cattle lying dead to the number of 30 or 40 that they noticed through ice-encrusted windshield. Their headlights were of no good, being covered with ice and so they could not get any idea of the actual number. At one time they hit a cow in the highway and after they passed noticed that she had not moved at all. Cattle would get in the road and were so stiff they could not move out. The Mayes car, when it reached Bryan, was practically a mass of ice that was knocked off on the pavement, making quite a pile.

J. A. Rychlik of Edge, who has been on federal jury all the past week at Houston, came in on the noon train today. He said that the wires were down almost all along the line and that he saw at least a half dozen head of cattle dead beside the track along the right-of-way.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McGee of San Antonio are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Darrow on College road.

FIVE FIRE ALARMS IN THREE DAYS BUT LIGHT DAMAGE HAS RESULTED

Five fires, four of them caused by flues, were reported in Bryan over the week-end, and caused runs to be made by the City Volunteer Fire Department, according to City Fire Marshal J. Z. Ramsey. The first fire was at 1:30 Saturday when a run was made to the home of Clem Beale, East 26th street, where chemicals were used to extinguish a blaze around the flue. The damage was light, only a small hole being burned in the wall.

Sunday morning at the early hour of 5 a. m. an alarm was turned in from the Batts Apartment where fire had started in the sills under the flooring, near the fire place. This caused but slight damage, but much excitement as the people endangered were those who lost everything in the Batts Apartment fire about a year and a half ago.

At 4:45 p. m. Sunday afternoon the fire alarm sent the auto trucks to the home of J. Groginsky on Red Top street, between 26th and 27th streets. This also was a flue fire with but little damage resulting. It was put out with chemicals.

One False Alarm.

About 9:30 Sunday night a pipe of the automatic sprinkler fire alarm system of the Howell & Co., wholesale grocery plant burst from the freezing weather, and caused the alarm to be sounded. The only damage was from the water and that was but little.

At 7:10 o'clock this morning chemicals were used to extinguish a flue fire at the house owned by J. F. Lavender on East 28th Street and occupied by Wm. C. Vander werth and W. R. Griffin. But little damage was done.

AUTO RENT BUSINESS DESTROYED BY FIRE DALLAS THURSDAY

(By Associated Press).

DALLAS, Dec. [illegible]—Fire here Thursday wrecked a building occupied by an automobile rent company and destroyed between 40 and 50 automobiles with a loss estimated at $100,000. Three men were injured. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS WERE SMOTHERED UNDER A HEAVY VOTE

Norther and Prevailing Low Temperature Caused Put Light Vote To Be Cast and Nearly all Those Were Against Amendments—Total Vote Was 294 and Vote Against Ranged from 229 to 239.

The city election offering to the people three amendments to the city charter lost in all three instances on Friday, December 19th, when but 294 people cast votes, due to the inclement weather from the Norther which reached here the preceding night. The first amendment was in substance the changing of the city charter to provide 20c on the $100 additional tax to take car of school and cemetery needs; section two had to deal with the equalization board and making the City Secretary a member of the board with the right to cast a vote; and section three provided that any public utilities surplus funds remaining be turned into the other funds. Opposition to the amendments were out in force while those who had little choice or were indifferent remained at home during the intense cold. The vote against the amendments ranged 42 to 58 for, and 229 to 239 against.

PERSONAL MENTION

(From Saturday's Daily)

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Black and children will go to Hearne on Wednesday to spend Christmas week with Mrs. Black's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Travis Oliver will have with them during the Christmas holidays his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Oliver, of Austin, and his brother, Guy Oliver, of Oklahoma City.

Albert Dawson was called to Bryan yesterday from his home in South Texas, on account of the illness and death of his mother, Mrs. Dawson, on South Parker street.

Mrs. H. H. McCain is reported as quite sick today at her home with flu.

M. R. Bentley, John Eagan, Miss Bess Edwards, all of the Extension Service, and S. D. Pearce of the Experiment Station, A. and M. College, returned this morning from Houston where they had been to attend the annual conference of district and county agents.

Miss Louise Bittle of T. C. U. Fort Worth, arrives today to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy P. Bittle.

Prof. A. W. Bittle of LaFayette, La., and Tom Bittle of San Diego Texas, will arrive Sunday for a visit with their brother, Guy P. Bittle and family.

Miss Elinor McDonald returned Friday from Houston where she spent the past month.

Miss Susie Mae Sanders and Miss Helen Kerr Parks will arrive in Bryan tonight from the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, to spend the holidays with the home folks in this city.

Mrs. Leo Griffin, who has been quite ill with the flu is reported as some better today. The many friends of Mrs. Griffin will regret to learn of her serious illness but hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. M. Francis of College was among the many visitors in Bryan today.

Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of A. and M. College, and Mrs. Bizzell, were down from College today to attend the funeral of Mrs. Geo. D. Neal. They were also accompanied by Dr. Bizzell's mother, Mrs. Sarah Bizzell.—Navasota Examiner.

Miss Emily Held, teacher in the Greenville high school, and Miss Helyn Held, student at Burleson College, at Greenville, arrived this morning to spend the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Held.

Clyde Foster of the textile department, A. and M. College left today to spend the Christmas season with his parents in Austin.

Miss Nobie Webb has returned from a visit in New Orleans and Yazoo City, Miss.

Mrs. Sidney Lawless of Iola is here to visit her parents for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Davidson of Harvey were here today to meet their daughter, Miss Lillie, who is a student at the State University at Austin and a member of the 1924-1925 senior class. Miss Davidson will spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Annie Vanderwerth, who is a student at C. I. A., Denton, arrived in Bryan early this morning to spend the Christmas holidays with her brother, W. C. Vanderwerth, and family. Miss Vanderwerth was awarded a scholarship to C. I. A. by the Bryan Reading Club, being a graduate of Bryan High in the class of 1923-24.

W. C. Stuart has arrived from Dallas where he is taking a course in pharmacy at Mayor Medical College, for a holiday visit with home folks.

Mrs. D. P. Gaby, superintendent of the primary department of the Methodist Sunday school announces the board of stewards of the church have placed a stove in the primary room and it will be good and warm for the children Sunday and she hopes for a full attendance.

Oscar A. Weinkle, of the Agricultural Economics Department at A. and M. College, left today to spend the two weeks of Christmas vacation wtih his parents at Ripon, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Charles H. Milis of Corsicana and Mrs. Lucy Sims Clark of Dallas are expected to arrive in Bryan on December 27th to be the holiday guests of Mrs. M. W. Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sims, Jr., and Dr. and Mrs. B. U. Sims. Col. Chas. H. Mills will join them in the visit on New Year. This will be a little farewell visit to her old home in Bryan for Mrs. Mills, before leaving with Colonel Mills early in the month of February for an extended trip abroad. They will tour the Old World and will be gone six months or more.

Miss Katherine Higgs arrived Friday afternoon from Baylor College Belton, and is enjoying the Christmas season with her parents, Mr and Mrs. W. S. Higgs on College Avenue.

EIGHTEEN DEGREES LOWEST POINT OF MERCURY AT SIX O'CLOCK TODAY

The cold wave continues to hold Bryan and vicinity in its grip today. Last night was the coldest of the winter and one of the coldest of the average winter, according to temperatures recorded by the standard thermometer maintained by the division of entomology of the A. and M. College, F. L. Thomas, chief. The record temperature was 18 degrees above zero, the reading at 6 o'clock this morning and also at 8 o'clock. It became somewhat warmer at 10 o'clock, the reading being 20 degrees and continued to grow slightly warmer up to this afternoon. The weather man at New Orleans promises fair weather for tonight and Sunday, which if predictions come true, means that the skies will clear tonight and permit of warmer temperatures on Sunday when the sun penetrates the cloudbanks that have barred it for the past two days. The temperature readings at College as given to the Eagle are as follows, Friday: 8:00 a. m. 23; 9:30, 22; 11:30, 21; 1:30, 23; 3:00, 22; 6:00, 22; 10, 21; midnight, 19; Saturday, 2:00, 18 1-2; 4:00, 18 1-2; 6:00, 18; 8:00, 18; 10:00, 20. Telegraph wires leading into the local Western Union were down to Houston this morning and Associated Press dispatches to the Eagle are coming straight from Dallas today. The Bryan Telephone Exchange states that local conditions are excellent and no trouble but that toll service extends only to nearby surrounding points and larger places at a distance cannot be gotten at all. There has been no damage to stock or otherwise reported as yet. The city lost about a half dozen of the white electric lamp bulb protectors or shades on the city's "white way". Rural people are staying at home and city residents stick to firesides so that local stores are experiencing a lull in the Christmas rush that has prevailed.

MAT MERKA FATALLY INJURED THIS MORNING BRYAN COTTON OIL MILL

An unfortunate, though what was in all probability unavoidable, accident occurred this morning at the Bryan Cotton Oil Mill when Mat Merka was fatally injured. He was found in an unconscious condition, in the mill, about 10:30 o'clock this morning by a workman. A doctor and ambulance were immediately summoned and the injured man rushed to the Bryan Hospital where he died at about 12:20 o'clock from concussion of the brain resulting from a crushed skull, and from internal injuries or bleeding in the chest and lungs. While no one was in the immediate vicinity at the time of the accident, it is supposed, from the indications, that in some way his clothing wrapped about the smooth, shiny drive shaft and the wrapping caught on one turn. The extra load caused the machinery to stop and the resultant investigation as to the reason revealed the tragedy. His father, John Merka of Reliance, and his wife in Bryan, were immediately summoned to the hospital, following the removal of the victim to that place.

Early History of Wheelock

(By Howard R. Smith)

Just two miles north of the old San Antonio road and the Brazos county line is the town of Wheelock, in Robertson county. It consists of three general stores, a drug store, post office, garage, barber shop, Woodman Hall, two blacksmith shops, a doctor's office, a modern school, church and a number of dwellings. Many nearby towns are larger, but very few places in Central Texas are of as much historical importance as Wheelock.

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In closing, may it be known that Wheelock was the first county seat of Robertson county, and the first county court was held under an old oak tree near the present site of the community gin.

(Historical data taken from "Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas," by John Henry Brown.)

FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING

The late meeting of the Texas Editorial Association at Galveston and Houston did a graceful thing in electing Mrs. Lee J. Rountree, editor of the Bryan Eagle, as its second vice president. Mrs. Rountree is one of the best newspaper "men" in Texas, has the necessary number of years in the business to entitle her to membership in this association, which requires twenty years of service and she has the pep and ability to hold the office and when her time comes to serve as president the association will have a competent head.—Mexia Daily News.

REASONS FOR GOOD ROADS

"Good roads mean prosperity, they mean progress; they mean education; they mean a full life, worth living; they mean the greatest amount of haulage; they mean greater profits from farm produce because they cost less to haul over good roads. Good roads everywhere mean prosperity and happiness everywhere. Those are some of the reasons why we are for good roads."—Pampa News.

DR. W. P. GILSTRAP

30 Years Practice at Wheelock

WHEELOCK TEXAS

LOVE DRUG COMPANY

D. W. Love, Prop.

Everything in the Drug Line—Candies, Notions, Gas and Oils, Undertaking Supplies

WHEELOCK, TEXAS.

BRAZOS COUNTY

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB DEPARTMENT

Club Notes and Farm News by County Agent C. L. Beason

Agriculture Getting Better.

Among the evidences of a "new day" in agriculture, C. A. Cobb, editor of the Southern Ruralist, mentions the fact that the output of the farmer has increased 37 per cent since 1900 while the number of farmers has increased 5 per cent, and, "Moreover," he says, "it is a day of application of big business methods in agriculture. And just as science and the wholesome principles of big business have worked wonders in the advancement of industry, so are they working wonders in the advancement of agriculture." Fortunate is the farmer who recognizes these facts and who seeks to equip himself to meet the changed environments of present-day farming.

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Louisiana's Farm Slogan.

It is said that the Louisiana Extension Department has for its motto, "100 pure-bred hens on every Louisiana farm, 100 eggs from each hen and a poultry club member in every home." That is a good motto, but the hens of the Franze flock in Brazos county, Texas, average 197 eggs each, with many individuals with a much higher yield, and the Louisiana people can raise their standard of average egg production, provided they will follow the same course as that of the Franze's in culling and breeding for egg production.

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Poultry Raisers' Records.

Poultry raisers interested in keeping records of their flocks should get a copy of Farmers' Bulletin 1227, Poultry Accounts, a system by which records can be easily kept. Ask your county agent, if interested.

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Grimes Follows Brazos.

It is said that at a recent community meeting held in Grimes county a farmer arose and called attention to the wonderful trip which had been won by Britton Henderson as a result of a splendid record in club work and added that what a Brazos county boy could achieve, a Grimes county boy could accomplish also. We must admit that the record of Brazos county club members would be setting a high goal for others, but to say the least of it, the achievements of Brazos county club members serve to stimulate others to noble endeavor and this we must hold in mind when setting our own goals for the future, lest others outdistance us in the race we run.

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Soil Saving Dams.

Dan Scoates professor agricultural engineering, A. and M. College of Texas, has an interesting and instructive article in the Southern Ruralist, December 15, concerning the structure and use of soil saving dams for the purpose of filling up gullies or preventing washing at ends of terraces. If interested in such work, read the article carefully.

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Farmers In Terracing.

It is said that A. J. Cotton, county agent of Burnett county, has arranged with the Commissioners' Court of that county to use tractors and graders, when not in use on the roads, to build terraces for the farmers the county agent running lines and advising with farmers as to location of terrace lines, etc., the plan resulting in a wholesale building of substantial terraces, and reaching many farms that could not be reached without such arrangement wherever power can be used. The action in Burnett county will prove helpful to others interested in checking soil washing, as one of the problems encountered in building terraces that will stand, is the matter of ample power. Certainly idle machinery could be put to no better use than building terraces that are the foundation for a more productive soil.

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Small Towns vs. State.

R. Binney, president of the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, in speaking to the county and home demonstration agents at their recent meeting in Houston, said, among other things that if our democracy is to be saved it will be saved by the people of the small towns and by the people from the rural sections. This statement from one of our leading educators should impress our rural folk with the tremendous responsibility resting upon them in the work of helping to perpetuate our boasted civilization.

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Merry Christmas To All.

The county agent of Brazos county wishes it were possible to extend a personal Christmas greeting, or remembrance, to each and every person in Brazos county. This being impossible we take this method of extending the good people of Brazos county the kindest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Your co-operation and good will in the past inspire to greater service in the future.

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Terracing Is Interrupted.

The holidays and meeting at Houston last week have interrupted our terracing program, but we shall get back at first opportunity, beginning at Henry Koontz's and then to others as fast as we can reach them. T. C. Elliott, one of the leading farmers of the Edge community, has the following to say about terracing: "I want to say that the terracing done two years ago has improved my land very much. It has increased the yield at least one-fourth and the land is getting better every year."

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Local Prize Argued.

Brazos county has lost to Anderson county in the great State-wide cotton contest of "more cotton per acre," the plan and $1,000 prize having been offered by the Dallas Morning News and the Semi-Weekly Farm News, but Philip Noto has set a new pace for cotton production in Brazos county, his report showing 12,390 pounds of seed cotton, or nine 500-pound bales of lint cotton, plus 131 pounds of lint. We regret that some local prize was not provided to lend encouragement to this splendid achievement, as was the case in many other counties, since it is an example that will be followed by many farmers in the future, benefitting alike both business men and farmers, in that the business man will be assured of a greater source of revenue, while the farmer will have had his earning capacity increased, his farm expenses reduced, and an opportunity afforded to diversify his farming operations.

AGENT C. L. BEASON ATTENDED MEETING HELD AT HOUSTON

County Farm Agent C. L. Beason returned home to Bryan from Houston, where he attended a meeting of county and district agents of districts 1, 2 and 4 of the State of Texas under the Extension Service Department of the A. and M. College. This district comprises the territory bounded by Brazos county on the north, the Louisiana border on the east, Brownsville on the south and San Antonio on the west. John Egan is district agent for No. 1, Geo. W. Johnson for No. 4, and A. W. Buchanan for No. 2. In addition there are about 60 counties in this district, most of whom were represented by their county agents.

This meeting is called annually by the Extension Service, so that the workers for bettering agriculture and general farm conditions in the various counties can get together, discuss problems and profit from one another's experiments and experience.

The Houston Chamber of Commerce were hosts to the county and home demonstration agents on Tuesday with a trip down the ship channel to the San Jacinto battle ground, showing the great ship channel that made Houston a deep-water port and the second largest cotton exporting port in the world. The point was made that this ship channel was built at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars, but that it had paid for itself many time over. One of the ships being loaded in the channel was to carry 25,000 bales of cotton, a load equal to the entire production of Brazos county in a good year.

Mr. Beason said that the program given at these meetings was highly worthwhile. He mentioned the address of Col. Haynes, who said, in speaking to the agents on Thursday morning in the meeting at the Houston Hotel, that the Houston Chamber of Commerce was the first in the United States to support in earnest the work of the county agents. He said that he felt there was no greater work to be done than to give encouragement to the development of a better agriculture. He pointed to the fact that only 4 per cent of the agricultural resources of Harris county have been developed up to the present and that no city could hope to become great as a result of industries or deep water alone, but rather through the improvement of agriculture, upon which all other industries depend.

Those county agents who attended the Rotary luncheon at the Rice Hotel on Thursday noon found one of the livest bunch of boosters in the country, said Mr. Beason. The Rotary, as is all Houston, is looking forward to and planning for the big meeting of the International Advertising Men's Convention next June a meeting which is of interest to the entire Southwest.

"An interesting thing in connection with my visit," said Mr. Beason, "is that only this week there entered the Houston ship channel the first boatload of Ford parts from the Ford plant at Detroit that has ever been shipped in this manner." He also mentioned that the ship could not now return to its port of Detroit on account of ice in the St Lawrence.

MEMBERS OF BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT BANQUET ITS TEAM

The racing team composed of five members of the fire department, namely, C. A. Hamilton, Harry Berger, Sam Noto, W. H. Seibert and J. J. Stasny, with A. K. Brown as captain, were the guests of honor at an elaborate banquet given by the fire boys at the Green Parrot Tea Room on Friday night.

These five men were successful in taking third place on Fireman's Day at the Waco Cotton Palace. The boys competed with the crack teams of the State from paid fire departments and with teams who have been competing for prizes for the past thirty years. This was the first time the Bryan fire department had entered a team and the boys feels amply repaid for their efforts.

Many words of praise were delivered by members of the department as well as by some of the City Commissioners and the City Manager the Bryan team being beat by only two teams from paid departments by the small margin of 1 2-5 seconds.

Greater co-operation was assured the boys by all and the team next year should show to a greater advantage. The following members were present: Jeff Cole, A. K. Brown, Chas. Maigne C. A. Hamilton, Sam Noto, I. E. Warren, Jno Stasney, Chas. Sebesta, C. A. Goodman, Lee Walker Jno. Whitman C E. Griesser, Ed Blazek, Chief C F Jenkins Tom Jenkins, DeWitt Gresham, W. H. Seibert, Harry Berger J. Grocinsky. Visitors: Commissioners Harry A. Berger and L. L. McInnis, and City Manager J. B. Miller.

Woman's Club Annual Xmas Program

That the Woman's Club of Bryan is a center of culture and art, from which radiates an atmosphere of educational and inspirational benefit into this community was again evidenced on Wednesday afternoon when its annual Christmas program was given at an open meeting with Mrs. J. L. Brock as leader of the program. A large and appreciative audience of Bryan and College club women and their friends filled the auditorium at Carnegie Library, and with one accord they pronounced the Christmas meeting of the club for 1924 one of the very best of the year.

The spirit of the Christmastide was in evidence. Brilliant electric globes of var.-coloring twinkled amid mosses, holly and mistletoe, and Christmas candles glowed in bowers of red poinsetta and Christmas evergreens. The house committee paid tribute to Mrs. J. L. Brock, the talented leader of the program, by adorning her desk with two baskets one of winter poinsetta in their velvety beauty, the other of fragrant Southern roses of delicate pink coloring. The decorative scheme was most attractive.

Promptly at 3 p. m. Mrs. Brock called the meeting to order, and in her opening remarks of welcome and cheery greetings, she brought to the assembled audience a real Christmas message, one filled with beauty of thought and purpose, and one that will linger as a benediction in the hearts of all who heard it throughout this Christmas season.

The musical program as arranged by Mrs. Roy Danforth and already published in the Eagle was gone through and every number rendered was one of merit and thoroughly enjoyed. Added to the program was a vocal number, rendered by Samuel Johnson, a former Bryan boy, whose splendid voice is the pride of his many friends in this his old home. Mr. Johnson was passing through Bryan on his way from New York, where he is doing special work, to Beaumont to visit his father, W. E. Johnson, for the holidays. Stopping over for a short visit with relatives here, he kindly consented to sing at the Christmas meeting of the Woman's Club, and his appearance was much appreciated.

This occasion, which closed the sessions of the Woman's Club for 1924, was a veritable treat, and Bryan and surrounding communities were again reminded of the benefits, the uplift, the inspiration that have come to its citizenry, in the nearly 30 years since the organization of this club in 1895.

After the singing of Christmas carols by the entire audience, Mrs. Brock gave a parting word, expressing the hope that the approaching Christmas season may be bright and happy for each one, and that the light from the Holy Star, which first gleamed o'er the Judean Hills in the long ago, may shine into every home and into every heart.

HEAVY LOSSES REPORTED IN LIVE STOCK IN PANHANDLE AND LOCALLY

Damage to Citrus Crop at Brownsville Feared when Mercury Dropped to 28 This Morning—Traveler from Houston Passing Through Bryan Tells of Cattle Lying in Ditches Along Highway.

(By Associated Press)

DALLAS, Dec. 20.—The blizzard had penetrated to the Texas Gulf Coast and the Lower Rio Grande section today, demoralizing wire communication and probably doing damage to the citrus fruit crop in the Brownsville district, according to the local Weather Bureau. The thermometer registered 28 degrees this morning at Brownsville. Sleet was falling at Galveston and Houston. The latter two cities and Brownsville and Beaumont were practically isolated so far as wire communication was concerned. "Continued cold" is the forecast for the entire state tonight and Sunday. Below zero continued in parts of the Panhandle today. Some livestock losses were unofficially reported.

THERMOMETER REGISTERS 12 BELOW IN PANHANDLE.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 20.—A message from Perryton in the upper Panhandle today reports the temperature there as 12 degrees below zero here.

ALL WIRES ARE DOWN.

A tale of dead cattle lying along the side of the highway, of telephone poles with the weight of ice-covered wires hiding across the roadway, and other havoc played by the storm, was brought to Bryan this afternoon by Jim Mayes and his son, Charley, of Temple, who were on their way home from Houston. They left Houston about 10 o'clock on Friday morning and the mercury there had just dropped to freezing a short time before they left. Taking the wrong paved road just this side of Houston, they got off the K. T. highway and drove to Katy, Texas. Reaching Katy about noon they started on the newly-graded 16-mile cut off to the K. T. Trail which makes connections the other side of Waller. They were the whole afternoon making this 16-miles, said Mayes, and passed many cars in the ditch that had been abandoned by passengers who could not stay with their vehicles in the rain, sleet and intense cold. The cars had gone into the ditch in slipping off the newly graded road by the necessity of detouring ...d telephone poles that had fallen across the highway under the weight of ice-encrusted wires. The ice had gathered on the telephone and telegraph wires to the thickness of a man's arm, said Mr. Mayes, and the poles could not hold up the unusual load.

He said that in the fields along the highway there were cattle lying dead to the number of 30 or 40 that they noticed through ice-encrusted windshield. Their headlights were of no good, being covered with ice and so they could not get any idea of the actual number. At one time they hit a cow in the highway and after they passed noticed that she had not moved at all. Cattle would get in the road and were so stiff they could not move out. The Mayes car, when it reached Bryan, was practically a mass of ice that was knocked off on the pavement, making quite a pile.

J. A. Rychlik of Edge, who has been on Federal jury all the past week at Houston, came in on the noon train today. He said that the wires were down almost all along the line and that he saw at least a half dozen head of cattle dead beside the track along the right-of-way.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McGee of San Antonio are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Darrow on College road.

FIVE FIRE ALARMS IN THREE DAYS BUT LIGHT DAMAGE HAS RESULTED

Five fires, four of them caused by flues, were reported in Bryan over the week-end, and caused runs to be made by the City Volunteer Fire Department, according to City Fire Marshal J. Z. Ramsey. The first fire was at 1:30 Saturday when a run was made to the home of Clem Beale, East 26th street, where chemicals were used to extinguish a blaze around the flue. The damage was light, only a small hole being burned in the wall.

Sunday morning at the early hour of 5 a. m. an alarm was turned in from the Batts Apartment where fire had started in the sills under the flooring, near the fire place. This caused but slight damage, but much excitement as the people endangered were those who lost everything in the Batts Apartment fire about a year and a half ago.

At 4:45 p. m. Sunday afternoon the fire alarm sent the auto trucks to the home of J. Groginsky on Red Top street, between 26th and 27th streets. This also was a flue fire with but little damage resulting. It was put out with chemicals.

One False Alarm.

About 9:30 Sunday night a pipe of the automatic sprinkler fire alarm system of the Howell & Co., wholesale grocery plant burst from the freezing weather, and caused the alarm to be sounded. The only damage was from the water and that was but little.

At 7:10 o'clock this morning chemicals were used to extinguish a flue fire at the house owned by J F. Lavender on East 28th Street and occupied by Wm. C. Vanderwerth and W. R. Griffin. But little damage was done.

AUTO RENT BUSINESS DESTROYED BY FIRE DALLAS THURSDAY

(By Associated Press)

DALLAS, Dec. 2[illegible]—Fire here Thursday wrecked a building occupied by an automobile rent company and destroyed between 40 and 50 automobiles with a loss estimated at $100,000. Three men were injured. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS WERE SMOTHERED UNDER A HEAVY VOTE

Norther and Prevailing Low Temperature Caused Put Light Vote To Be Cast and Nearly all Those Were Against Amendments—Total Vote Was 294 and Vote Against Ranged from 229 to 239.

The city election offering to the people three amendments to the city charter lost in all three instances on Friday, December 19th, when but 294 people cast votes, due to the inclement weather from the Norther which reached here the preceding night. The first amendment was in substance the changing of the city charter to provide 20c on the $100 additional tax to take car of school and cemetery needs; section two had to deal with the equalization board and making the City Secretary a member of the board with the right to cast a vote; and section three provided that any public utilities surplus funds remaining be turned into the other funds. Opposition to the amendments were out in force while those who had little choice or were indifferent remained at home during the intense cold. The vote against the amendments ranged 42 to 58 for, and 229 to 239 against.

PERSONAL MENTION

(From Saturday's Daily)

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Black and children will go to Hearne on Wednesday to spend Christmas week with Mrs. Black's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Travis Oliver will have with them during the Christmas holidays his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Oliver, of Austin, and his brother, Guy Oliver, of Oklahoma City.

Albert Dawson was called to Bryan yesterday from his home in South Texas, on account of the illness and death of his mother, Mrs. Dawson, on South Parker street.

Mrs. H. H. McCain is reported as quite sick today at her home with flu.

M. R. Bentley, John Eagan, Miss Bess Edwards, all of the Extension Service, and S. D. Pearce, of the Experiment Station, A. and M. College, returned this morning from Houston where they had been to attend the annual conference of district and county agents.

Miss Louise Bittle of T. C. U. Fort Worth, arrives today to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy P. Bittle.

Prof. A. W. Bittle of LaFayette, La., and Tom Bittle of San Diego Texas, will arrive Sunday for a visit with their brother, Guy P. Bittle and family.

Miss Elinor McDonald returned Friday from Houston where she spent the past month.

Miss Susie Mae Sanders and Miss Helen Kerr Parks will arrive in Bryan tonight from the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, to spend the holidays with the home folks in this city.

Mrs. Leo Griffin, who has been quite ill with the flu is reported as some better today. The many friends of Mrs. Griffin will regret to learn of her serious illness but hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. M. Francis of College was among the many visitors in Bryan today.

Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of A. and M. College, and Mrs. Bizzell, were down from College today to attend the funeral of Mrs. Geo. D. Neal. They were also accompanied by Dr. Bizzell's mother, Mrs. Sarah Bizzell.—Navasota Examiner.

Miss Emily Held, teacher in the Greenville high school, and Miss Helyn Held, student at Burleson College, at Greenville, arrived this morning to spend the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Held.

Clyde Foster of the textile department, A. and M. College left today to spend the Christmas season with his parents in Austin.

Miss Nobie Webb has returned from a visit in New Orleans and Yazoo City, Miss.

Mrs. Sidney Lawless of Iola is here to visit her parents for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Davidson of Harvey were here today to meet their daughter, Miss Lillie, who is a student at the State University at Austin and a member of the 1924-1925 senior class. Miss Davidson will spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Annie Vanderwerth, who is a student at C. I. A., Denton, arrived in Bryan early this morning to spend the Christmas holidays with her brother, W. C. Vanderwerth, and family. Miss Vanderwerth was awarded a scholarship to C. I. A. by the Bryan Reading Club, being a graduate of Bryan High in the class of 1923-24.

W. C. Stuart has arrived from Dallas where he is taking a course in pharmacy at Mayor Medical College, for a holiday visit with home folks.

Mrs. D. P. Gaby, superintendent of the primary department of the Methodist Sunday school announces the board of stewards of the church have placed a stove in the primary room and it will be good and warm for the children Sunday and she hopes for a full attendance.

Oscar A. Weinkle, of the Agricultural Economics Department at A. and M. College, left today to spend the two weeks of Christmas vacation wtih his parents at Ripon, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Charles H. Milis of Corsicana and Mrs. Lucy Sims Clark of Dallas are expected to arrive in Bryan on December 27th to be the holiday guests of Mrs. M. W. Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sims, Jr., and Dr. and Mrs. B. U. Sims. Col. Chas. H. Mills will join them in the visit on New Year. This will be a little farewell visit to her old home in Bryan for Mrs. Mills, before leaving with Colonel Mills early in the month of February for an extended trip abroad. They will tour the O'd World and will be gone six months or more.

Miss Katherine Higgs arrived Friday afternoon from Baylor College Belton, and is enjoying the Christmas season with her parents, Mr and Mrs. W. S. Higgs on College Avenue.

EIGHTEEN DEGREES LOWEST POINT OF MERCURY AT SIX O'CLOCK TODAY

The cold wave continues to hold Bryan and vicinity in its grip today. Last night was the coldest of the winter and one of the coldest of the average winter, according to temperatures recorded by the standard thermometer maintained by the division of entomology of the A. and M. College, F. L. Thomas, chief. The record temperature was 18 degrees above zero, the reading at 6 o'clock this morning and also at 8 o'clock. It became somewhat warmer at 10 o'clock, the reading being 20 degrees and continued to grow slightly warmer up to this afternoon. The weather man at New Orleans promises fair weather for tonight and Sunday, which if predictions come true, means that the skies will clear tonight and permit of warmer temperatures on Sunday when the sun penetrates the cloudbanks that have barred it for the past two days. The temperature readings at College as given to the Eagle are as follows, Friday: 8:00 a. m. 23; 9:30, 22; 11:30, 21; 1:30, 23; 3:00, 22; 6:00, 22; 10, 21; midnight, 19; Saturday, 2:00, 18 1-2; 4:00, 18 1-2; 6:00, 18; 8:00, 18; 10:00, 20. Telegraph wires leading into the local Western Union were down to Houston this morning and Associated Press dispatches to the Eagle are coming straight from Dallas today. The Bryan Telephone Exchange states that local conditions are excellent and no trouble but that toll service extends only to nearby surrounding points and larger places at a distance cannot be gotten at all. There has been no damage to stock or otherwise reported as yet. The city lost about a half dozen of the white electric lamp bulb protectors or shades on the city's "white way". Rural people are staying at home and city residents stick to firesides so that local stores are experiencing a lull in the Christmas rush that has prevailed.

MAT MERKA FATALLY INJURED THIS MORNING BRYAN COTTON OIL MILL

An unfortunate, though what was in all probability unavoidable, accident occurred this morning at the Bryan Cotton Oil Mill when Mat Merka was fatally injured. He was found in an unconscious condition, in the mill, about 10:30 o'clock this morning by a workman. A doctor and ambulance were immediately summoned and the injured man rushed to the Bryan Hospital where he died at about 12:20 o'clock from concussion of the brain resulting from a crushed skull, and from interral injuries or bleeding in the chest and lungs. While no one was in the immediate vicinity at the time of the accident, it is supposed, from the indications, that in some way his clothing wrapped about the smooth, shiny drive shaft and the wrapping caught on one turn. The extra load caused the machinery to stop and the resultant investigation as to the reason revealed the tragedy. His father, John Merka of Reliance, and his wife in Bryan, were immediately summoned to the hospital, following the removal of the victim to that place.

Early History of Wheelock

(By Howard R. Smith)

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Many of the old settlers of Wheelock can relate some interesting stories of those early days and hold the hearer in a grip of interest for hours. Four miles north of Wheelock is an old cedar log cabin, in which, it is rumored, that Sam Houston used to live. On the walls may be seen holes that are said to have been put there by the Indians, in attempts to break through while the old house was being used as a fort. The writer, however, has been unable to get any reliable data authenticating these rumors, but it is a known fact that General Houston once owned a farm north of Wheelock.

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Among the noted buildings that were built in the pioneer days was the old church and school house, torn away in 1923, to be replaced with a modern church building.

Among the early settlers of Wheelock was V. C. Cavitt who owned a large ranch beginning on the south east of the town proper. The tract is now divided into small cotton farms.

N. C. Duncan, who died about nine years ago, was among those who are known as trail blazers. Mr. Duncan settled at old Hickory Grove and his home was several times the stopping place of David Crockett, with whom he was well acquainted. The Duncan residence is still intact and the large farm once owned by Mr. Duncan is now divided into smaller ones among different owners. Other pioneers of note were James H. Mitchell, George H. Dunn, Dr. Collard and Dr. Cameron, whose decsendents are now a part of the citizenship.

In closing, may it be known that Wheelock was the first county seat of Robertson county, and the first county court was held under an old oak tree near the present site of the community gin.

(Historical data taken from "Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas," by John Henry Brown.)

FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING

The late meeting of the Texas Editorial Association at Galveston and Houston did a graceful thing in electing Mrs. Lee J. Rountree, editor of the Bryan Eagle, as its second vice president. Mrs. Rountree is one of the best newspaper "men" in Texas, has the necessary number of years in the business to entitle her to membership in this association, which requires twenty years of service and she has the pep and ability to hold the office and when her time comes to serve as president the association will have a competent head. —Mexia Daily News.

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